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TOWN OFFICERS 1926-1927

Elected and Appointed

Board of Selectmen

ROBERT E. PARKER, Chairman	Term expires 1927
CHARLES F. TREVOR, Secretary	" " 1928
ELIAS B. CURRELL	" " 1929
LEON G. BENT, Clerk	

Board of Public Welfare

ROBERT E. PARKER, Chairman	Term expires 1927
CHARLES F. TREVOR, Secretary	" " 1928
ELIAS B. CURRELL	" " 1929
LEON G. BENT, Clerk	HELEN A. BROWN, Visitor

Board of Assessors

GEORGE E. HORROCKS, Chairman	Term expires 1929
J. FRED RICHARDSON, Secretary	" " 1928
ALVAH W. CLARK	" " 1927

Town Clerk
MILLARD F. CHARLES

Treasurer
WILFRED A. BANCROFT

Collector of Taxes
GRACE V. VIALL

Town Counsel
*CHARLES P. HOWARD
‡MELVILLE F. WESTON

Moderator
JESSE W. MORTON

Town Accountant
LEON G. BENT

*Resigned
‡Appointed to fill vacancy

Board of Public Works

JOHN W. OWEN, Chairman	Term expires 1928
MILES C. HIGGINS, Secretary	" " 1927
JOSEPH W. BOOTH	" " 1929
FRANK C. CARTER	" " 1927
†WILLIAM S. KINSLEY	" " 1928
‡SAMUEL HOBBS	" " 1927
HARRY B. COLLINS, Supt.	

Board of Health

EDWARD M. HALLIGAN, M. D., Chairman	Term expires 1928
CHRISTINE F. ATKINSON, Secretary	" " 1927
CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.	" " 1929

Finance Committee

OTIS B. RUGGLES, Chairman	Term expires Mar. 31, 1927
JAMES W. FAIRCHILD	" " " " 1927
JOHN H. FARNUM	" " " " 1927
HOWARD P. KNOX	" " " " 1927
W. HOMER MORRISON	" " " " 1927
EDWARD W. BRIGGS	" " " " 1928
JOHN L. DEVANEY	" " " " 1928
LOGAN R. DICKIE	" " " " 1928
MARGARET R. ELLISON	" " " " 1928
HARRY G. PORCH	" " " " 1928
JAMES P. CARLETON	" " " " 1929
WILLIAM A. HALEY	" " " " 1929
ORLANDO C. MOYER	" " " " 1929
EDWARD J. SCOTT	" " " " 1929
MOLLIE A. SWEETSER	" " " " 1929
LEON G. BENT, Clerk	

School Committee

ALBERT R. SHEPARDSON, Chairman	Term expires 1928
MARION B. TEMPLE	" " 1927
RUTH A. LUMSDEN	" " 1927
JOSEPHINE L. FOWLER	" " 1928
DR. HAROLD A. CARNES	" " 1929
MALCOLM C. DAVIS	" " 1929
ADELBERT L. SAFFORD, Secretary	

Superintendent of Schools

ADELBERT L. SAFFORD

†Deceased

‡Appointed to fill vacancy

School Attendance Officer

ABIGAIL H. MINGO

Municipal Light Board

HENRY R. JOHNSON, Chairman	Term expires 1929
HERBERT G. EVANS, Secretary	" " 1927
HARRY P. BAKER	" " 1928

ARTHUR G. SIAS, Manager, Municipal Light Dept.

Board of Cemetery Trustees

GALEN A. PARKER, Chairman	Term expires 1929
PHILIP H. TIRRELL, Secretary	" " 1927
CHESTER P. EELES	" " 1927
FRANK L. EDGERLEY	" " 1928
WILLIE E. TWOMBLY	" " 1928
CLARENCE C. WHITE	" " 1929

ALFRED E. GOODWIN, Supt.

Board of Registrars

WALTER S. PRENTISS, Chairman	Term expires 1928
OWEN McKENNEY	" " 1927
PRESTON F. NICHOLS	" " 1929

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Clerk

Playground Commission

ARTHUR S. COOK, Chairman

MABEL H. BROWN — A. GERTRUDE KILLAM

HAROLD F. PARKER — HARRY E. SMITH

Planning Board

W. FRANKLIN BURNHAM, Chairman	Term expires 1928
HARRIETT P. LEUCHTMAN, Secretary	" " 1929
WILLARD P. ADDEN	" " 1927
HARRY C. BARR	" " 1929
*MELVILLE F. WESTON	" " 1928

Trustees of Pubilc Library

ARTHUR N. MANSFIELD, Chairman	Term expires 1927
EDITH BANCROFT, Secretary	" " 1927
JESSE W. MORTON	" " 1928
RALPH S. KENEELEY	" " 1928
IDA C. LUCAS	" " 1929
CHARLES F. DOUGHTY	" " 1929

BERTHA L. BROWN, Librarian

GRACE J. ABBOTT, Assistant Librarian

*Resigned

Police Department

JEREMIAH CULLINANE, Chief

FRANCIS T. SLACK, Sergeant

TIMOTHY CULLINANE
OSCAR H. LOW
FRANK R. FISHER
PATRICK J. LONG
WILLIAM F. O'BRIEN
DANIEL T. SCANLON
HAROLD O'BRIEN
THOMAS E. WALL

FRANCIS L. JOHNSON

Fire Department

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY, Chief

HUGH L. EAMES, Capt.
FRANK L. McKENNEY
GEORGE W. GOODRIDGE
JOHN J. O'BRIEN, Capt.
CHARLES H. HESELTON
WILLIAM H. VANHORN

HERBERT L. ROBERTSON

Superintendent of Fire Alarm

HUGH L. EAMES

Forest Warden

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY

Deputy Forest Warden

HENRY M. DONEGAN

Constables

LEON G. BENT
JAMES W. SIAS

Inspector of Milk

CARL M. SMITH

Inspector of Plumbing

DAVID TAGGART

Inspector of Animals

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

Inspector of Wires

CHARLES P. STRATTON

Inspector of Buildings

A. RUSSELL BARNES

Sealer of Weights and Measures

CARL M. SMITH

Superintendent of Moth Department and Tree Warden

HENRY M. DONEGAN

Burial Agent for Deceased Soldiers and Sailors
(Under Chapter 115, Section 19, General Laws)
CHARLES STOREY

Custodian of Soldiers' Graves
(Under Chapter 115, Section 22, General Laws)
ALFRED E. GOODWIN

Board of Appeal
HENRY Q. MILLETT, Chairman
FRED L. NUTTER, Secretary — CARL M. SPENCER

Measurers of Wood and Bark
THOMAS E. BROGAN — PERCY N. SWEETSER
BURTON K. SYMONDS — WARREN M. WHITEHOUSE

Measurers of Lumber
ORA L. MILBURY — BURTON K. SYMONDS
WARREN M. WHITEHOUSE — WILLIAM R. ZWICKER
EDWARD B. EAMES — ROLLAND L. PERRY

Weighers of Coal and Hay
W. IRVING BANCROFT — THOMAS E. BROGAN
BERTHA D. MacLELLAN — MABEL L. MacKAY
WENDELL B. NEWELL — PERCY N. SWEETSER
CHARLES W. LEE — WILLIAM H. WHITE

Field Drivers
WILLARD A. BANCROFT — ADOLPH S. LARSON
ROLLAND L. PERRY

Fence Viewers
CARL B. SAWYER — ALBERT E. TEMPLE
WENDELL B. NEWELL

Workingmen's Compensation Agent
(Chapter 152, Section 75, General Laws)
WILFRED A. BANCROFT

Director of Agriculture and Home Economics
(Chapter 128, Section 41, General Laws)
ROLLAND L. PERRY

Fuel Administrator
HENRY Q. MILLETT

TOWN OF READING

Population 1925 Census, 8693.

Registered Voters 1926: Men 2039, Women 1802—total 3841.

Fifth Congressional District.

Sixth Councillor District.

Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District.

Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District.

Representative in Congress, 5th District, Edith Nourse Rogers, Lowell.

Councillor 6th District, Harvey L. Boutwell, Malden.

Senator 7th Middlesex District, Joseph R. Cotton, Lexington.

Representatives 18th Middlesex District, Louis Ellenwood, Reading; Wilford A. Walker, Woburn.

LIST OF JURORS FOR 1926—1927

Prepared by Board of Selectmen

Adams, George H., Farmer	160 Haverhill St.
Adams, Stephen D., Merchant	118 Ash St.
Adden, Willard P., Architect	119 Woburn St.
Akerley, Oliver L., Manufacturer	84 Woburn St.
Alger, Charles I., Salesman	78 Woburn St.
Austin, Irving C., Wool Merchant	96 Prescott St.
Bailey, Horace A., Salesman	43 Salem St.
Bacon, Jordan H., Farmer	Forest St.
Barton, John R., Ticket Agent	18 Arlington St.
Beaman, Thomas W., Optometrist	48 Pearl St.
Becker, William H., Salesman	35 Grove St.
Berry, John M., Insurance	126 Salem St.
Buck, Lawrence H., Salesman	168 Lowell St.
Buckle, George H., Salesman	47 Bancroft Ave.
Burnham, William F., Real Estate	Copeland Ave.
Burrage, Alvah L., Civil Engineer	65 Lowell St.
Carter, Frank C., Treasurer	55 Woburn St.
Carter, Percy N., Clerk	33 Chute St.

Cate, Frank C., Salesman	Ellis Ave.
Chase, Isaac, Mechanic	116 West St.
Clark, Joseph R., Bookkeeper	27 Ash St.
Camp, Harry U., Insurance	28 Highland St.
Cooper, Carl C., Treasurer	107 Summer Ave.
Crosby, Joseph H., Clerk	77 Haven St.
Cutcliff, James E., Printer	30 Locust St.
Damon, Charles A., Salesman	183 Summer Ave.
Dennison, William S., Manufacturer	Copeland Ave.
Dick, Charles A., Salesmanager	Dustin Rd.
Dillaway, Ernest N., Salesman	12 Perkins Ave.
Eagleston, Fred O., Electrician	6 Orange St.
Eames, Edward B., Buyer	193 Main St.
Ellison, Guy W., Tourist Agent	1a Lowell St.
Evans, Herbert G., Salesman	40 Howard St.
Farnum, Fred E., Merchant	41 Hillcrest Rd.
Fellows, Horace W., Civil Engineer	389 Main St.
Fogg, George A., Farmer	24 Middlesex Ave. Ext.
Fowle, Robert E., Salesman	34 West St.
Frost, J. Edward, Expressman	95 Oak St.
Gaw, Hamilton H., Clerk	73 Salem St.
Gay, Louis F., Bookkeeper	10 Union St.
Greenwood, Fred M., Salesman	4 Belmont St.
Hartshorn, Benjamin M., Credit Man	15 Vine St.
Hartshorn, Martin B., Manager	214 High St.
Higgins, Miles C., Asst. Treasurer	8 Sanborn St.
Hilton, Walter C., Manager	127 Ash St.
Hodson, Robert H., Painter	9 Bancroft Ave.
Howard, John B., Salesman	15 Oak St.
Hubbard, J. M., Broker	91 Prospect St.
Ingalls, George J., Clerk	253 Pearl St.
Johnson, H. Raymond, Treasurer	Woodward Ave.
Kelley, Isaac S., Treasurer	124 Woburn St.
Kenney, Edward O., Manufacturer	40 Berkeley St.
Kingman, Leland W., Insurance	5 Echo Ave.
Lane, Elliott W., Salesman	351 Main St.
Lane, Raymond H., Salesman	53 Prescott St.
Leuchtman, Felix, Shipper	16 Belmont St.
Mansfield, Arthur N., Accountant	107 Woburn St.
MacAllister, William J., Plumber	139 West St.
Martin, George E., Manager	100 Haven St.
McKay, Arthur T., Shipper	30 Orange St.
McKillop, James C., Farmer	54 Orange St.
MacLellan, Harry R., Salesman	63 Woburn St.
Merrill, Frank M., Asst. Manager	9 Dudley St.
Mooney, Walter C., Manager	131 West St.

Moyer, Orlando C., Accountant	310 Summer Ave.
Newell, Wendell B., Merchant	1 Washington St.
Nichols, Willard B., Salesman	394 Main St.
Ordway, Earle B., Salesman	3 Grand St.
Palmer, Charles E., Builder	39 Chute St.
Parker, Stillman R., Clerk	164 Main St.
Patterson, Edgar L., Auditor	41 Federal St.
Perry, Rolland L., Farmer	off Mill St.
Prentiss, Harley L., Bookkeeper	11 Fremont St.
Reed, Winfield A., Special Agent	23 Grand St.
Richardson, Elmer H., Insurance	85 Green St.
Richardson, J. Fred, Merchant	17 Prospect St.
Robinson, John H., Manager	197 High St.
Sawyer, John F., Manager	8 Arlington St.
Snow, Carleton E., Secretary	147 Woburn St.
Southwick, Leon L., Salesman	131 Ash St.
Squires, George S., Superintendent	159 Main St.
Staples, Malcolm L., Carpenter	108 Haven St.
Stembridge, Stanley R., Merchant	82 Woburn St.
Symonds, Warren H., Manufacturer	94 Ash St.
Torrey, Frank J., Merchant	193 Main St.
Turner, Wilbur F., Jr., Manager	5 Fairview Ave.
Wakefield, George, Farmer	474 Haverhill St.
Ward, Frank E., Bookkeeper	21 King St.
Webster, John W., Bookkeeper	23 Lowell St.
Wales, Wm. C., Salesman	15 Forest St.
Williams, Louis S., Salesman	114 Haven St.
Williams, Walter I., Accountant	25 Intervale Ter.
Willson, William H., Manager	167 Woburn St.
Wright, Albert J., Salesman	23 Locust St.

Approved:

ROBERT E. PARKER
CHARLES F. TREVOR
ELIAS B. CURRELL
Selectmen of Reading.

Reading, Mass., July 1, 1926.

TOWN MEETINGS, 1926

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Security Hall, Woburn St., March 1, 1926.

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's return thereon, a town meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Jesse W. Morton. The warrant was partially read when it was voted to dispense with further reading except the Constable's return, which being read, the polls were duly opened and closed with the following result:

Article 1. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Moderator; one member of the Board of Selectmen for three years; Treasurer; Collector of Taxes; one member of the Board of Assessors for three years; Town Clerk; one member of the Board of Public Works for three years; Tree Warden; one member of the Board of Health for three years; one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years; two members of the School Committee for three years; one Trustee of the Public Library for two years; two Trustees of the Public Library for three years; one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years; two Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery for three years; two Constables; two members of the Planning Board for three years.

Moderator, One Year

Jesse W. Morton, 114 Woburn St.	1847
Blanks	281

Town Clerk, One Year

Millard F. Charles, 66 Bancroft Ave.	1902
Blanks	226

Selectmen, Three Years

Elias B. Currell, 7 Woodward Ave.	1357
George William Davis, Ordway Terrace	684
Blanks	87

Board of Public Welfare, Three Years

Elias B. Currell, 7 Woodward Ave.	1307
George William Davis, Ordway Terrace	698
Blanks	123

Assessor, Three Years

Edward B. Eames, 193 Main St.	873
George E. Horrocks, 25 Pleasant St.	1144
Blanks	111

Board of Public Works, Three Years

Joseph W. Booth, 62 Middlesex Ave.	1668
Blanks	460

Treasurer, One Year

Wilfred A. Bancroft, 8 Echo Ave.	1789
Blanks	339

Tax Collector, One Year

Grace V. Viall, 42 Bancroft Ave.	1857
Blanks	271

Constables, One Year

Leon G. Bent, 215 Main St.	1359
John J. McKenney, 105 John St.	611
Donald T. Patrick, 312 Main St.	598
James Winthrop Sias, 72 Pleasant St.	701
Charles Edward Tasney, 99 Green St.	284
Blanks	703

Board of Health, Three Years

Calvert H. Playdon, 112 Ash St.	1624
Blanks	504

School Committee, Three Years

Harold A. Carnes, 31 Grand St.	1458
Malcolm C. Davis, 12 Federal St.	857
Leone F. Quimby, 25 Howard St.	790
Edward G. Quinlan, 228 Main St.	623
Blanks	528

Municipal Light Board, Three Years

Henry R. Johnson, 193 Main St.	1747
Blanks	381

Tree Warden, One Year

Henry M. Donegan, 15 Federal St.	1541
Gardner A. Perry, 43 Locust St.	491
Blanks	96

Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery, Three Years

Galen A. Parker, 1 Charles St.	1623
Clarence C. White, 26 Sanborn St.	1716
Blanks	917

Trustee Public Library, Two Years

Jesse W. Morton, 114 Woburn St.	1809
Blanks	319

Trustees Public Library, Three Years

Charles F. Doughty, 52 Linden St.	1526
Ida C. Lucas, 436 Franklin St.	1600
Blanks	1130

Planning Board, Three Years

Harry C. Barr, 38 Highland St.	1587
Harriett P. Leuchtman, 16 Belmont St.	1660
Blanks	1009

The ballots were counted and declared in open town meeting. Whole number of votes as counted was 2128 and the checkers reported that the number voting was 2128.

Voted to adjourn.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall, Woburn St., March 8, 1926.

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's return, the town meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Jesse W. Morton.

Article 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Board of Selectmen; Town Accountant; Treasurer; Collector of Taxes; Board of Assessors; Board of Public Works; Town Clerk; Tree Warden; Board of Health; Board of Public Welfare; School Commtitee; Public Library Trustees; Municipal Light Board; Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery; Finance Committee; Planning Board and Special Committees.

Article 2. On motion of Henry R. Johnson, it was voted to lay this article on the table.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers, and determine what instructions shall be given town officers and special committees.

Article 3. On motion of Robert E. Parker, it was voted that the following be chosen to serve as Measurers of Lumber for the ensuing year: Ora L. Milbury, Edward B. Eames, Burton K. Symonds, William R. Zwicker, Warren M. Whitehouse, Rolland L. Perry; and the following as Measurers of Wood and Bark: Percy N. Sweetser, Burton K. Symonds, Thomas E. Brogan and Warren M. Whitehouse.

Article 3. It was voted to lay Article 3 on the table.

Article 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Highways, Charities, Soldiers' Benefits, Schools, Public Library, Recreation, Cemetery Department, Memorial Day Observance, Municipal Light Department, Water Department, Maturing Debt, Interest, Insurance and General Accounts.

Article 4. On motion of Robert E. Parker, it was voted to raise and appropriate for General Government, $21,370.00, shown in detail as follows:

General Government

Moderator	$ 60.00
Selectmen's Expenses	300.00
Selectmen's Clerical	1,310.00
Town Accountant's Salary	2,000.00
Treasurer's Salary	1,200.00
Treasurer's Expenses	400.00
Tax Collector's Salary	2,000.00
Tax Collector's Expenses	700.00
Tax Collector's Clerical	150.00
Assessors' Salaries	1,800.00
Assessors' Expenses	2,000.00
Assessors' Clerical	1,300.00
Block System Survey	250.00
Town Counsel, Salary and Expenses	600.00
Town Clerk's Salary	350.00
Town Clerk's Expenses	600.00
Board of Public Works, Salaries and Office Expenses	5,100.00
Registrars' Salaries	250.00
Election and Registration Expenses	1,000.00

On motion of Robert E. Parker, it was voted to raise and appropriate for General Accounts thirty-five thousand and twenty-five dollars as itemized below:

General Accounts

Miscellaneous Expenses	$ 2,500.00
Municipal Building Maintenance	2,500.00
Fire Stations, Maintenance and Repairs	1,600.00
Lighting Victory House	150.00
Lighting G. A. R. Hall	25.00
Insurance	4,500.00
Interest	18,500.00
Maturing Debt	5,000.00
Planning Board Expenses	250.00

On motion of Robert E. Parker, it was voted that sixty-two thousand thirty-seven and 28-100 dollars be raised and appropriated for Protection of Persons and Property as shown in detail below:

Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department Maintenance	$ 1,633.00
Police Department Salaries	20,808.92
Police Department Special Officers	200.00

Fire Department Maintenance	3,836.00
Fire Department Call Men's Salaries	2,444.00
Fire Alarm Maintenance and New Boxes	1,410.00
Moth Department Maintenance	6,200.00
Tree Warden Maintenance	1,500.00
Forest Warden Maintenance	500.00
Hydrant Rentals	7,035.00
Drinking Fountains	100.00
Inspector of Buildings' Salary	500.00
Inspector of Wires' Salary	100.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures' Salary	400.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures' Expenses	100.00
Fire Department Salaries	15,270.36

On motion of Robert E. Parker, it was voted that five thousand nine hundred eighty dollars be raised and appropriated for Health and Sanitation in detail:

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health Salaries	$ 300.00
Board of Health Expenses	600.00
Inspector of Plumbing's Salary	800.00
Inspector of Animals' Salary	200.00
Inspector of Milk's Salary	100.00
Care of Contagious Diseases	2,000.00
Garbage Collection	1,980.00

On motion of Robert E. Parker, it was voted to raise and appropriate $13,252.00 for Charities and Aid, in detail:

Charities and Aid, Board of Public Welfare

Visitor's Salary	$ 400.00
Clerical Salary	352.00
Aid, Board and Care	8,000.00
Mothers' Aid	2,500.00
Temporary Aid	2,000.00

Soldiers' Benefits

On motion of Robert E. Parker, it was voted to raise and appropriate for Soldiers' Benefits $3,700.00 as detailed below:

State Aid	$ 500.00
Military Aid	200.00
Soldiers' Relief	3,000.00

Memorial Day

On motion of Robert E. Parker, it was voted to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars for Memorial Day ($500.00).

On motion of John W. Owen, it was voted to raise and appropriate fifty-six thousand dollars for construction, maintenance and repairs of

highways, the purchase of materials, tools and appliances and for the payment of any other incidental expenses pertaining thereto ($56,000).

On motion of John W. Owen, it was voted that the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for the removal of snow and ice ($15,000.00).

On motion of John W. Owen, it was voted that the sum of three thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for cleaning drainage ditches ($3,000.00).

On motion of Henry R. Johnson, it was voted that there be included in the tax levy for electricity used for street lights, the sum of twelve thousand dollars, and that said sum and the income from sales of electricity to private consumers and for electricity supplied for municipal power and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year, be appropriated for the municipal lighting plant, the whole to be expended by the manager of municipal lighting under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, for the expense of the plant for said fiscal year, as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, and that if said sum and said income shall exceed said expense for said fiscal year, such excess shall be transferred to the construction fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board; and said Board is further authorized to transfer from the operation fund to the construction fund an amount not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars to be expended for new construction during 1926 ($12,000.00).

On motion of Albert R. Shepardson, it was voted to raise and appropriate for the School Department one hundred eighty-one thousand and four dollars divided as follows:

General Maintenance	$ 40,728.00
General Salaries	135,776.00
Agricultural Maintenance	500.00
Agricultural Salaries	3,200.00
Industrial Tuition	800.00

On motion of Arthur N. Mansfield, it was voted to raise and appropriate six thousand six hundred fifty dollars for support of the Public Library, divided as follows:

Library Maintenance	$ 3,250.00
Library Salaries	3,400.00

On motion of John W. Owen, it was voted to raise and appropriate for recreation two thousand six hundred dollars.

Park Department Maintenance	$2,600.00

On motion of Galen A. Parker, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-three hundred dollars for the care and maintenance of Laurel Hill Cemetery ($8,300.00).

On motion of John W. Owen, it was voted that the receipts of the Water Department, namely $7,035.00 for hydrant rentals, $100.00 for

drinking fountains, together with other receipts, estimated at $38,236.00, and the balance on hand January 1, 1926, $2,725.57, be appropriated for payment of Water Bonds, Interest on Water Loans, Maintenance of Water Works, Main and Service Pipes and Extensions.

On motion of Leon G. Bent, it was voted that ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) be appropriated from Excess and Deficiency Fund to apply toward the payment of Funded Debt maturing in 1926, and that the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized to transfer said amount for that purpose.

On motion of Leon G. Bent, it was voted to lay Article 4 on the table.

Article 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) for the Reserve Fund as provided by Section 6, Chapter 40, General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Town Accountant.)

Article 5. On motion of Leon G. Bent, it was voted that three thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for the Reserve Fund, as provided by Section 6, Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1926, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year. (Town Treasurer.)

Article 6. On motion of Wilfred A. Bancroft, it was voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1926, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to renew or refund any notes issued in anticipation of revenue for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Town Treasurer.)

Article 7. On motion of Wilfred A. Bancroft, it was voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to renew or refund any notes issued in anticipation of revenue for a period of less than one year in accordance with the provisions of Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred and sixty dollars ($360.00) for the purpose of providing suitable quarters for Veteran Post No. 194, G. A. R., in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, Chapter 40, General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen.)

Article 8. On motion of Walter S. Parker, it was voted that three hundred sixty dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of

providing suitable quarters for Veteran Post No. 194, G. A. R., in accordance with Section 5, Chapter 40 of the General Laws ($360.00).

Article 9. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States, in time of war or insurrection, and who have been honorably discharged from such service, as provided by Section 22, Chapter 115, General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen).

Article 9. On motion of Walter S. Parker, it was voted that five hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States in the time of war or insurrection and who have been honorably discharged from such service, as provided by Section 22, Chapter 115 of the General Laws ($500.00).

Artele 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of an Act of the General Court in 1926 entitled "An Act Providing for Appointive Trustees of Trust Funds in the Town of Reading", or what it will do in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen.)

Article 10. On motion of Robert E. Parker, it was voted to accept the provisions of an Act of the General Court in 1926 entitled "An Act Providing for Commissioners of Trust Funds in the Town of Reading."

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to reimburse the Collector of Taxes for taxes, costs and interest due the Town collected by L. Anthony Sweetland, Deputy Collector, which he has failed to pay over to the Collector of Taxes, and what the Town will raise and appropriate therefor, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen.)

Article 11. On motion of Robert E. Parker, it was voted that seven hundred sixty-three dollars and twenty-eighty cents be appropriated from the Overlay Reserve Fund to reimburse the Collector of Taxes for taxes, costs and interest due the Town, collected by L. Anthony Sweetland, Deputy Collector, which he has failed to pay over to the Collector of Taxes.

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifteen dollars and ten cents ($215.10), to defray the taxes on the Channell property, so called, assessed April 1, 1925, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen.)

Article 12. On motion of Robert E. Parker, it was voted that two hundred fifteen dollars and ten cents be appropriated from the Overlay Reserve Fund to defray the taxes on the Channell property, so-called, assessed April 1, 1925.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to construct a sidewalk on Lowell and Woburn Streets, abutting the Municipal Building lot, and what sum it will raise and appropriate therefor, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen.)

Article 13. On motion of Robert E. Parker, it was voted that three thousand dollars be raised and appropriated to be expended by the Board of Public Works for the construction of a sidewalk on Lowell and Woburn Streets, abutting the Municipal Building lot ($3,000.00).

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred and six dollars and seventy-eight cents ($506.78) for the payment of bills due for care and support of poor in the years 1915 to 1920, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(Board of Public Welfare.)

Article 14. On motion of John W. Owen, it was voted to raise and appropriate five hundred and six dollars and seventy-eight cents for the payment of bills due for care and support of poor in the years 1915 to 1920 ($506.78).

Article 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate by borrowing or otherwise, the sum of thirteen thousand dollars ($13,000.00) for the development of storm water drainage, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Board of Public Works.)

Article 15. On motion of John W. Owen, it was voted that the sum of thirteen thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for the development of storm water drainage ($13,000.00).

Article 16. To see what action the Town will take regarding the installation of additional street lights on the public streets during 1926.

(Municipal Light Board.)

Article 16. On motion of Henry R. Johnson, it was voted that the subject matter of this article be referred to the Municipal Light Board, with authority to install such lights as in their judgment are necessary, and to make such changes in existing lights as may be advisable, the cost of same to be paid from the Depreciation Fund.

Article 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to extend and enlarge the Municipal Light Plant by the construction of a garage and storeroom on land owned by the Town adjacent to the Electric Light and Power Station on Ash Street, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Municipal Light Board.)

Article 17. On motion of Henry R. Johnson, it was voted that the Municipal Light Board be, and it is hereby authorized, to extend and enlarge the Municipal Light Plant by the construction of a garage and storeroom on land owned by the Town adjacent to the Electric Light and Power Station on Ash Street.

Article 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, by borrowing or otherwise, the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars ($13,500.00) for the purposes set forth in Article 17 of this warrant, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Municipal Light Board.)

Article 18. On motion of Henry R. Johnson, it was voted that there be raised and appropriated for the extension and enlargement of the Municipal Light Plant by the construction of a garage and storeroom on land owned by the Town adjacent to the Electric Light and Power Sta-

tion on Ash Street, the sum of thirteen thousand dollars, in addition to the amount which may be available in the Depreciation Fund, to be expended by the Municipal Light Board; and that the Treasurer be, and he hereby is authorized and directed with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow said sum and to issue therefor bonds or notes of the Town, such bonds or notes to be payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws with amendments thereof and additions thereto, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of the first bond or note issued.

One hundred forty-six voted "Yes" and none "No".

Article 19. To see if the Town will authorize the sale of a strip of land, approximately 827 square feet, on the easterly side of the Lowell Street school house lot, abutting the land of Clarence S. Smith, or what it will do in relation thereto. (School Committee.)

Article 19. On motion of Albert R. Shepardson, it was voted that the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to sell a parcel of land, containing approximately eight hundred twenty-seven square feet on the easterly side of the Lowell St. schoolhouse lot, abutting the land of Clarence S. Smith.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court for legislation to authorize the borrowing outside the debt limit for the purpose of contructing a Junior High School building on land recently taken by the Town between Temple and King Streets, or what it will do in relation thereto. (School Committee.)

Article 20. On motion of Albert R. Shepardson, it was voted that the Town petition the General Court for legislation to authorize the Town to borrow seventy-five thousand dollars outside the debt limit for the purpose of constructing a Junior High School building.

Article 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand eight hundred ($6,800.00) for the purpose of developing Forest Glen Cemetery, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(Cemetery Trustees.)

Article 21. On motion of Galen A. Parker, it was voted to raise and appropriate six thousand eight hundred dollars for the purpose of developing Forest Glen Cemetery ($6,800.00).

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote that hereafter the board known as the Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery shall be known as the Board of Cemetery Trustees and that the Board of Cemetery Trustees shall have all the powers now exercised by the Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery. (Cemetery Trustees.)

Article 22. On motion of Galen A. Parker, it was voted that hereafter the board known as the Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery shall be known as the Board of Cemetery Trustees and that the Board of Cemetery Trustees shall have all the powers now exercised by the Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Article 23. To see if the Town will adopt a Zoning By-law under the authority of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 25, as amended, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Planning Board.)

Article 23. On motion of Otis B. Ruggles, it was voted to lay this article on the table.

Article 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars ($300.00) for Child Welfare Work, to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association and the Board of Health, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Elizabeth H. Brown and others.)

Article 24. On motion of Elizabeth H. Brown, it was voted to raise and appropriate three hundred dollars for Child Welfare Work, to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association and the Board of Health ($300.00).

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars ($200.00) and authorize the Selectmen to appoint a director, the money to be expended by and the director to serve in co-operation with the Middlesex County Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture in the work of the Middlesex County Extension Service, under the provisions of Sections 40 to 45, Chapter 128, General Laws. (Rolland L. Perry and others.)

Article 25. On motion of Rolland L. Perry, it was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars ($200.00) and authorize the Selectmen to appoint a director, the money to be expended by and the Director to serve in co-operation with the Middlesex County Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture in the work of the Middlesex County Extension Service under the provision of Sections 40-45, Chapter 128, General Laws.

Article 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.00) for the maintenance of "Victory House," headquarters of Reading Post No. 62, American Legion, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Frank D. Tanner and others.)

Article 26. On motion of Frank D. Tanner, it was voted to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars for the maintenance of "Victory House," headquarters of Reading Post 62, American Legion ($500.00).

Article 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.00) to be expended by the Board of Public Works, in improving the grounds and repairing the grand stand and bleachers at the athletic field on Washington Street, or what it will do in relation thereto. (George E. Lang and others.)

Article 27. It was voted to indefinitely postpone this article.

Article 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) to be expended by the Board of Public Works, in removing trees, setting back curbs, poles, etc., on the easterly side of Main Street, from point on the southerly line of the Mechanics Savings Bank property, in a straight line to and beyond Haven

Street, until said line intersects with the curb line in front of the property of William H. Willis, making an eight foot sidewalk as shown on a plan prepared by the Board of Public Works, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Henry R. Johnson and others.)

Article 28. On motion of H. Raymond Johnson, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars to be expended by the Board of Public Works in removing trees, setting back curb, poles, etc., on the easterly side of Main Street from a point on the southerly line of the Mechanics Savings Bank property in a straight line to and beyond Haven Street until said line intersects with the curb line in front of the property of William H. Willis, makng an eight-foot sidewalk as shown on a plan prepared by the Board of Public Works ($1,000.00).

Article 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of eleven hundred dollars ($1,100.00) for the purpose of increasing the salaries of the call firemen from one hundred dollars to one hundred and fifty dollars per year, or what it will do in relation thereto.
(Howard E. Bussell and others.)

Article 29. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of eleven hundred dollars for the purpose of increasing the salaries of the call firemen to one hundred and fifty dollars per year ($1,100.00).

Article 2. On motion of Henry R. Johnson, it was voted to take this article from the table.

The Municipal Light Board made the following report on the purchase of electricity:

"The question of electric light has confused the minds of the voters until they do not know what is best. This question has been discussed for more than a year and has been before the voters in one way or another until it has seemed as though it never would be settled. I am going to say very little about what happened previous to my appointment to the Board last December. The Electric Light Commissioners in 1924 made a study of the question and recommended the purchase of electric current from the Edison Co. with a contract for ten years and an outlay of $100,000.00 for conduit and cables. There were some who thought it unwise to sign a ten-year contract and were opposed to expending $100.000.00. There were others who wanted to continue to generate at any expense."

On October 26th last the Town passed the following vote:

"That the Municipal Light Board be, and they are hereby authorized to contract in behalf of the Town with the Eastern Massachusetts Electric Co. for the purchase of electricity in bulk for a period not exceeding ten years upon terms and conditions as in the opinion of said Board will be for the best interests of the Town."

The Board asked for and received a contract from the Eastern Mass. Electric Co. Dec. 7th, which contract they had printed in the Reading Chronicle so that the voters could have an oppotunity to study it. They thought it unfair to bind the Town by signing such a contract and have

since been striving to find some way that this question could be settled to satisfy everyone and to the best interests of the Town.

After careful consideration, the Board has concluded that the last offer received from the Edison Company would be for the best interests of the Town.

The Company offers to construct, at its own expense, a four-duct underground conduit with two 5000 K. V. A. cables from the Stoneham line to our power station, and connect with our switchboard at 2300 volts, ready for distribution by us.

We are to pay for the use of the property installed by the company in Reading an annual rental equal to 13½ cents on the cost, which cost is estimated at $85,728.00. This is practically the same amount which we would pay for fixed charges if the Town made the investment.

The Company will maintain all the equipment which it furnishes. The Town is to have the right at any time within ten years to take over the property owned by the Company upon payment of its cost less depreciation.

The locations for the line to be granted jointly to the Town and the Company if the Board so desires, and stipulation in the grant of locations that the Company will not sell electricity to anyone in our territory unless ordered to do so by public authority. No term contract will be required, and the Town may terminate the service at any time upon ten days notice. The rate is the wholesale co-operative rate, which is the lowest rate we have been offered.

I am going to ask Mr. Sias to go more fully into the details of the proposed contracts and give you any other information you may desire.

It is the policy of this Board to give to the voters all the information which they have and will welcome any suggestions which you may have that will assist us in giving service or reduce cost.

I believe that those persons who have participated in this discussion have been working as they saw fit for the best interests of the Town.

Let us get together on this question and watch the results. You can plainly see you have nothing to lose. Your plant will be undisturbed, your money unexpended, no contract, and you will be just as free in one, two, or three years to go on generating if the results are not satisfactory.

HENRY R. JOHNSON, Chairman
HARRY P. BAKER
HERBERT G. EVANS''

Article 2. The School Committee made a report on the estimated cost of a Junior High School Building as $356,000.00, exclusive of architects' fees and furniture, which was placed on file.

Article 2. It was voted to lay Article 2 on the table.

Article 3. It was voted to take Article 3 from the table.

Article 3. On motion of George L. Flint, it was voted that it is the sense of this meeting that the Municipal Light Board be authorized

to procure a supply of electric current in accordance with the plan just now outlined by the chairman of the Board.

On motion of George L. Flint, it was voted that the several departments of the Town, wherein it is possible, give preference to citizens and taxpayers of our town when hiring help.

Article 23. On motion of Melville F. Weston, it was voted to take this article from the table.

After some discussion, it was voted to indefinitely postpone.

Article 2. Voted to take from the table this article.

On motion of Otis B. Ruggles, it was voted to accept the reports of Town Officers and the Finance Committee as printed.

Report of the number of persons admitted to the annual town meeting, Monday evening, March 8, 1926, in Security Hall, as shown by the registered turnstile. Return made in accordance with Chapter 276, Acts of 1910.

To the Town Clerk:

The number of persons admitted to the annual town meeting this date as registered by the turnstile is three hundred sixty-nine.

ROBERT E. PARKER
CHARLES F. TREVOR
ELIAS B. CURRELL
Selectmen of Reading.

Middlesex, ss.

March 8, 1926.

There personally appeared the above Selectmen of Reading, viz:— Robert E. Parker, Charles F. Trevor and Elias B. Currell, and made oath that the above statement signed by them is true according to their best knowledge and belief.

Before me,

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

On motion of Otis B. Ruggles, it was voted to adjourn sine die.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall, May 3, 1926.

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's return thereon, the meeting was called to order at time and place mentioned therein by the Moderator, Jesse W. Morton. The following were duly appointed checkers:

John J. McKenney, William P. Pierpont, Philomena Doucette, Jessie N. Thaxter, and James Winthrop Sias as operator of the turnstile, who were duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk, Millard F. Charles, read part of the warrant, when it was voted on motion of Robert E. Parker to dispense with further reading except the Constable's return. This was duly read.

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and special committees and determine what instructions will be given Town Officers and special committees.

Article 1. On motion of Henry R. Johnson, it was voted to lay this article on the table.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to proceed to perfect by foreclosure or otherwise, as provided by law, the title of the Town to such real estate as is held by the Town for non-payment of taxes for the years 1922 and 1923, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen.)

Article 2. On motion of Robert E. Parker, it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to sell certain parcels of real estate taken or purchased for taxes prior to July 1, 1915, and to execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town, all contracts, deeds or other instruments needful for the execution of the foregoing authority.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 82 of the Acts of 1926, entitled, "An Act providing for Commissioners of Trust Funds in the Town of Reading," or what it will do in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen.)

Article 4. On motion of Robert E. Parker, it was voted that the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 82 of the Acts of 1926, entitled, "An Act providing for Commissioners of Trust Funds in the Town of Reading."

Article 5. To see if the Town will adopt a Zoning By-Law under the authority of General Laws, Chapter 40, Sec. 25, as amended, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Article 5. On motion of Melville F. Weston, it was voted to lay Article 5 on the table.

Article 1. On motion of Henry R. Johnson, it was voted to take Article 1 from the table.

Henry R. Johnson made a report on contract they proposed to enter with the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston.

Voted to lay Article 1 on the table.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to ratify and confirm the action of the Municipal Light Board in arranging for the purchase of electricity from the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston in pursuance of the vote of the Town passed at its annual meeting, March 8, 1926, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(Municipal Light Board.)

On motion of Henry R. Johnson, it was voted that the action of the Municipal Light Board in arranging for the purchase of electricity from the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston as reported to the meeting by the said Board be and the same hereby is approved, ratified and confirmed.

Two hundred eighty-five voted "Yes" and one hundred ninety-six voted "No."

On motion of Melville F. Weston, it was voted that when this meeting adjourns, it stands adjourned until 7.45 P. M., Monday, May 10, 1926, at this place.

Reading, May 3, 1926.

Report of the number of persons admitted to the special town meeting held Monday evening, May 3, 1926, Security Hall.

To the Town Clerk:

The number of persons admitted to the special town meeting this date as registered by the turnstile is five hundred forty-eight (548).

ROBERT E. PARKER
CHARLES F. TREVOR
ELIAS B. CURRELL
Selectmen of Reading.

Reading, May 3, 1926.

Middlesex, ss.

There personally appeared the above Selectmen of Reading, viz:— Robert E. Parker, Charles F. Trevor and Elias B. Currell, and made oath that the above statement signed by them is true according to their best knowledge and belief.

Before me,

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

The meeting was then adjourned as by previous vote to meet Monday, May 10, 1926, at 7.45 P. M.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall, Reading, May 10, 1926.

Pursuant to adjournment, a town meeting was held and called to order by the Moderator, Jesse W. Morton.

Article 5. On motion of Melville F. Weston, it was voted to take this article from the table.

An amendment was offered by William T. Fairclough, which was voted to make a part of the Zoning By-Law.

After some discussion, Melville F. Weston moved the previous question, which was so voted.

On motion of Melville F. Weston, as amended by William T. Fairclough, it was voted that the Zoning By-Law hereinafter set forth be, and the same is hereby adopted as and for a By-Law of the Town.

THE ZONING BY-LAW

A By-Law for the improvement and development of the Town for the lessening of danger from fire therein and for the promotion of the health, safety, convenience and welfare of the inhabitants thereof; established under the authority of G. L. Chapter 40, Sec. 25, and all other laws hereunto enabling:

Part 1—Districts

Section 1. Establishment of Districts:

For the purpose of this By-Law, the Town of Reading is hereby divided into five classes of Districts as follows:

1. Single Residence districts (indicated by the letter "S" upon the zoning map, dated February 27, 1926, and signed by the members of the Planning Board which accompanies, and by reference is made a part of this By-Law.

2. Multiple Districts for Residence (indicated by the letter "M" upon said map).

3. Business Districts (indicated by the letter "B" upon said map).

4. Industrial Districts (indicated by the letter "I" upon said map).

5. Unrestricted Districts (indicated by the letter "U" upon said map).

Section 2. Boundaries of Districts:

The boundaries between districts are as shown upon said map. Where a boundary is indicated upon a street, the line shall be the centre line of the street. Where a boundary is indicated upon the main right of way of the Boston & Maine Railroad, the districts are bounded respectively upon the opposite sides of the right of way. Where a boundary is indicated otherwise than as above, it is determined by the scale of said map. Where a boundary is indicated as approximately parallel to a street, it shall be taken as parallel thereto, and if there is any variance between the scaled distance between the boundary line and the side line of the street and the distance as marked in feet upon the map, the latter shall govern. Where a district boundary line divides a lot, as existing at the time of this by-law takes effect and the major portion of this lot is in the less restricted district, the regulations relating to that district may extend as well to such portion of said lot as is not more than thirty feet within the more restricted district.

Part 2—Use Regulations

Section 3. Within any district, no building, structure or premises shall be used, arranged or designed to be used, and no building or structure shall be erected or altered for any purpose or purposes except as set forth in the following five sections:

Section 4. Single Residence Districts, "S":

1. Single family detached house.

2. Renting rooms or furnishing table board in such a house, by a family resident therein, provided there is no sign to advertise such use other than a small window card.

3. The office of a professional person, located in such a house in which he resides; provided there is no display visible from the street or sign to advertise such use, other than a professional name plate not exceeding six inches in width and twenty-four inches in length.

4. Customary home occupations such as millinery, dressmaking, hairdressing, or manicuring, carried on in such a house by a person resident therein; provided there is no display visible from the street or sign to advertise such use other than an announcement sign not exceeding six inches in width and twenty-four inches in length.

5. Club, lodge, social or recreational building or structure, except one the chief activity of which is carried on as a business for gain; provided that bowling alleys shall not be installed upon such premises.

6. Churches and other places of worship.

7. Schools or other municipal or public use, not including a storage yard or repair shop.

8. Farm, market garden, nursery or greenhouse, including the sale of natural products raised on the premises and of articles manufactured on the premises from such products, and the removal and sale of loam, sand, stone and gravel therefrom.

9. Parks and playgrounds.

10. Railroad passenger stations.

11. Bus passenger stations; provided the location and construction be approved by the Board of Appeal after proceeding in the manner provided by Section XVI-5 below as not seriously detrimental to a residential neighborhood.

12. Telephone exchange having no service yard.

13. Hospital, sanitarium or other medical or charitable institution; provided the location and construction be approved by the Board of Appeal after proceeding in the manner provided by Section XVI-5 below as not seriously detrimental to a residential neighborhood.

14. Accessory uses customary in connection with the foregoing uses, incidental thereto, and located upon the same lot, including a private garage and a private stable.

Section 5. Multiple Districts, Residence, "M":

1. Any use permitted in a single residence district.

2. Two family, semi-detached house.

3. Accessory uses customary in connection with the foregoing uses, incidental thereto, and located upon the same lot, including a private garage and a private stable. The term private garage in this Section and in Section IV-14 above and shall import this restriction, that such garage shall not be used for the housing of more than three cars unless all the cars kept therein are the property of the owner or tenant of the premises or of his family resident thereon.

Section 6. Business Districts, "B":

1. Any use permitted in a Multiple Residence District.

2. Two-family semi-detached house, offices, stores or stands for the sale of goods or the rendering of services primarily for retail trade.

3. Manufacturing clearly incidental to a retail business lawfully conducted on the premises or the major portion of the products of which are sold at retail on the premises; provided that such manufacturing be not by reason of dust, odor, fumes, smoke, gas, waste, refuse matter, noise or excessive vibration, or danger of explosion or fire, detrimental to a residential or commercial district or neighborhood.

4. Business or professional offices.

5. Banks or other monetary institutions.

6. Places of amusement or assembly, hotels and restaurants.

7. Apartment houses, constructed in accordance with law.

8. Public garage or filling station.

9. Public stable.

10. Place of business of baker, barber, blacksmith, builder, carpenter, caterer, clothes cleaner and presser, confectioner, contractor, decorator, dressmaker, dyer, electrician, florist, furrier, hairdesser, laundry, manicurist, mason, milk distributor, milliner, newsdealer, optician, painter, paperhanger, photographer, plumber, printer, publisher, roofer, shoemaker, shoe repairer, shoe shiner, tailor, tinsmith, undertaker, upholsterer or wheelwright.

11. Additional accessory uses, if any, customary in connection with such additional uses, incidental thereto, and located upon the same lot, but not of character more detrimental to a residential or commercial neighborhood than the above permitted uses.

Section 7. Industrial Districts:

1. Any use permitted in a multiple residence district.

2. Yards, sheds and the like, for contractors' equipment and building materials.

3. Coke, coal and woodyards and sheds.

4. Storage of gas up to 200 cubic feet and under pressure of not over twenty pounds to the square inch.

5. Storage of gasoline or oil; to be, when above ground, in tanks of not exceeding twenty thousand gallons capacity, and not nearer than fifty feet to the boundary of another district.

6. Woodworking establishments, no principal buildings of which shall be nearer than fifty feet to the boundary of another district.

7. Railroad yards, sheds and round house, but not to include a repair shop except such as may be accessory to said uses.

8. Any industry or manufacturing which shall not be, by reason of dust, odor, fumes, smoke, gas, wastes, refuse matter, noise or excessive vibration or danger of explosion or fire, seriously detrimental to adjoining districts.

Section 8. Unrestricted Districts, "U":

1. Any use not otherwise illegal.

Part 3—Height Regulations

Section IX

No building or structure shall exceed the height limit prescribed therefor in this section.

1. In a residence district, two and one-half stories, or thirty-five feet; or three stories or forty feet if side yards of double the width required in Section XI are maintained.

2. In a business district, four stories or sixty feet.

3. In a residence district, accessory buildings, two stories or twenty-eight feet.

4. In an industrial or unrestricted district, dwellings three stories or forty feet, other buildings four stories or sixty feet.

5. The above limitations do not apply to chimneys, ventilators, skylights, or other accessory features usually carried above roofs, nor to domes, spires or towers, if such features are in no way used for dwelling purposes; nor to ornamental towers, observation towers, water towers, windmills and like structures which occupy less than twenty-five per cent of the lot area.

Part 4—Area Regulations

Section X, Set-back Lines

1. No building or structure in a residential district shall extend nearer any street line than twenty feet, except if there is a principal building upon each side of and within two hundred feet of the site of the building in question, on the same side of the street and within the same block, no greater set-back shall be required than the average set-back of such existing principal buildings. Projecting eaves, chimneys, bay windows, and like projections which do not project more than three and one-half feet; and unenclosed steps, porches, balconies and the like, which do not project more than ten feet beyond the line of the foundation wall, shall not be affected by this provision.

2. In case of a corner lot, the set-back required by this section shall be required only with respect to one street line, and the provisions of the following section respecting side yards shall govern as to the other street line; except that no accessory building shall in any event be nearer to any street line than twenty feet, if it is possible to locate it otherwise while conforming to the other provisions of this by-law.

Section XI, Side Yards

1. No principal buildings in any residential district and no building used for dwelling purposes in any other district shall have a side wall except a party wall where such wall is permitted nearer to any side lot line than ten feet.

2. No principal building in any residential district, and no principal building used for dwelling purposes in any other district shall have a side wall, except a party wall where such wall is permitted, nearer than twenty feet to any other principal building on the same lot.

3. Projecting eaves, chimneys, bay windows and like projections, which do not project more than three and one-half feet; and unenclosed steps, porches, balconies and the like which do not project more than five feet; shall not be affected by the provisions of this section.

4. Accessory buildings in a residential district shall not be nearer than three feet to a side lot line.

Section XII, Rear Yards

1. No principal building in any residence district, and no principal building used for dwelling purposes in any district shall extend nearer than twenty feet to the rear lot line; except that for each foot by which the lot is greater or less than one hundred feet deep at the time of the taking effect of this by-law, six inches shall be added to or deducted from the required depth of the rear yard, but no rear yard shall be required to be more than thirty feet or permitted to be less than ten feet deep.

2. Accessory buildings may occupy not over twenty-five per cent of the required rear yard area and shall be distant not less than three feet from the rear lot line.

Section XIII, Areas in Business or Industrial Districts

Not more than eighty-five per cent of the area of any lot in a business or industrial district shall be built over.

Part V—General Provisions

Section XIV, Lots

1. A lot as that term is used in this by-law is a single tract of land held in identical ownership throughout, not contiguous to any other tract of land under the same ownership.

2. This by-law shall not be held to prohibit any sale of land, but no sale which creates or increases a non-conformity with any regulations herein, shall enable any person to act with respect to the regulations herein, otherwise than if said sale to such extent as creates or increases such non-conformity had not taken place.

Section XV, Non-Conforming Uses and Conditions

1. Nothing in this by-law shall prevent the continued use or maintenance of any building, structure or premises, for the purpose for which

it is used, or in the condition in which it exists, at the time when this by-law takes effect; but

2. No non-conforming use shall be substantially changed, moved, enlarged or extended; and no building, structure or premises, devoted in whole or in part to any non-conforming use, shall be substantially altered, moved, reconstructed, enlarged or extended or replaced if destroyed by fire or other cause; unless the Board of Appeal after proceedings in the manner provided by Section XVI-5 below, finds that such action is required to prevent unnecessary hardship or gross economic loss and issues a special permit therefor.

An industrial establishment, existing at the time this by-law takes effect, and which has not since been destroyed by fire or other cause, may, however, without such special permit be enlarged to double its size as existing when this by-law takes effect, by doubling either the floor space of its buildings or the ground area occupied by its buildings.

3. No such special permit shall be granted for the extending of any non-conforming use, or the moving of any building or structure devoted to a non-conforming use, into a more restricted district, where such action will be substantially injurious to the neighborhood, or for more than fifty feet beyond the boundary.

4. No such special permit shall be granted for the changing of a non-conforming use to a use not authorized in a district in which the original non-conforming use is authorized.

5. In exceptional cases where the proposed non-conforming building, structure or use, will supply a real need, and will not be substantially injurious to the neighborhood, the Board of Appeal after proceeding in the manner provided by Section XVI-5 below, may grant special permits for new non-conforming buildings, structures or uses, upon such conditions and for such periods of not more than one year at a time as will seem desirable.

6. Nothing in this by-law shall prevent the alteration into a two-family house existing at the time this by-law takes effect and having at that time at least eight finished and habitable principal rooms, provided the external appearance, if in a single residence district of a single-family house, or, if in a multiple residence district of a single family or two-family semi-detached house be retained so far as reasonably practicable.

Section XVI, Administration and Enforcement

1. The Inspector of Buildings appointed under the building laws, shall grant no permit for the construction or alteration of any building or structure if the building or structure as constructed or altered would be in violation of any provision of this by-law. No municipal officer shall grant any permit or license for the use of a building, structure or premises, which use would be in violation of any provision of this by-law. Whenever such permit or license is refused because of some provision of this by-law, such refusal shall be in writing and shall clearly state the reasons therefor.

2. Any person aggrieved by the refusal of a permit or license under the foregoing provision, may appeal to the Board of Appeal, appointed under the Building Laws of the Town.

3. The Inspector of Buildings, or any municipal officer or officers, shall require of every applicant for such license or permit for any construction, alteration or use of any building, structure or premises, for which a permit or license is by law required, such information, plans, specifications and the like, as shall be deemed necessary for the full and accurate exposition of the proposed construction, alteration or use, with relation to the requirements of this by-law. Such material shall be kept on file in the records of the officer or officers to whom they are submitted.

4. Upon any such application for a permit or license, or upon any appeal from the decision of the Inspector of Buildings, or other officer upon such application such officer, or the Board of Appeal, as the case may be, may require the applicant to give such notice of the pendency of said application or appeal, as under the circumstances of the particular case may be deemed reasonable, to those persons owners or tenants of premises in the vicinity of the premises in question, who may be deemed most immediately affected by the proposed construction, alteration or use. The Board of Appeal may make, and amend from time to time, reasonable rules consistent with this by-law, to govern the manner of proceeding of the Inspector of Buildings and of said board in respect to such applications and appeals.

5. The Board of Appeal may in the manner prescribed by G. L., C. 40, Sec. 27-A, vary the application in this by-law in specific cases wherein its enforcement would involve practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship and wherein desirable relief may be granted without substantially derogating from the intent and purpose of this by-law, but not otherwise.

All proceedings upon applications for the approval of the Board of Appeal or for special permits as provided for in Sections IV-11, IV-13, XV-2 and XV-5, shall likewise be had after the manner provided by G. L., Chapter 40, Sec. 27-A, except that a unanimous decision of the Board shall not be required.

6. The Inspector of Buildings, with the approval of the Selectmen, may and if required thereto by them, shall institute appropriate proceedings in the Superior Court to enforce this by-law, and to restrain by injunction any violation thereof.

Section XVII, Penalty

Any person who violates any provision of this by-law shall forfeit a sum not to exceed twenty dollars for each offence which shall be recovered as provided by law and shall inure to the town.

Section XVIII, Interpretation and Validity

1. Nothing in this by-law shall be construed as repealing or modifying any existing by-law or regulation of the town but shall be in addition thereto.

2. The invalidity of any provision or feature of this by-law shall not affect the validity of any other provision or feature not manifestly inseparable therefrom.

Section XIX

This by-law shall take effect upon its approval by the Attorney-General and publication according to law.

On motion of William T. Fairclough, it was voted to adopt the following amendment to the original motion, the same to become a part of the Zoning By-Law, viz:

"By removing from the multiple residence district 'M,' and bringing into the single residence district, 'S,' the territory bounded as follows: Beginning at a point on the northerly side of Intervale Terrace and 750 feet from the intersection of Intervale Terrace and Lowell St. running thence in a generally northerly direction parallel to Grove St. to a point 500 feet distant from Forest St.; thence to a point on Forest St. equally distant from Martin Road and an unnamed way shown on the map and to the west of Martin Road; thence equally distant from Martin Road and said way, to the nearest point at which a line can be drawn at right angles to Birch Road; thence parallel with Birch Road to a point 500 feet from Franklin St. to Van Norden Road (shown on the map as the unnamed way); thence northwesterly along Van Norden Road to Franklin St.; thence at right angles with Franklin St. to a point 250 feet therefrom; then southwesterly parallel with Franklin St. to Grove St.; thence at right angles with Grove St. to a point west thereof 500 feet therefrom; thence southerly parallel with Grove St. to Lowell St.; thence at right angles with Lowell St. to a point south thereof and 150 feet distant therefrom; thence parallel with Lowell St. to Willow St.; thence along Willow St. and Intervale Terrace to the point of beginning; excepting so much of the above-described territory as is already shown on said map as belonging in a single-residence district or business district."

Voted to adjourn sine die.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

Report of the number of persons admitted to the adjourned special town meeting held on Monday evening, May 10, 1926, Security Hall.

To the Town Clerk:

The number of persons admitted to the special town meeting this date as registered by the turnstile is one hundred fifty-one.

ROBERT E. PARKER
CHARLES F. TREVOR
ELIAS B. CURRELL
Selectmen of Reading.

Middlesex, ss. Reading, May 14, 1926.

There personally appeared the above Selectmen of Reading, viz.: Robert E. Parker, Charles F. Trevor and Elias B. Currell, and made oath that the above statement signed by them is true according to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Before me,

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

Reading, Mass., May 15, 1926.

On this date I received a petition signed by one hundred sixty-one legal voters for a referendum on the purchasing of electricity from the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, as follows:

"We, the undersigned legal voters of the Town of Reading, respectfully petition the Honorable Board of Selectmen to call a town meeting for the purpose of a referendum as per Chapter 276, Acts of 1910, to act upon the action of the Town at a town meeting held on May 3, 1926, whereby it was voted under Article 6 of town warrant to ratify a vote passed at the annual town meeting of March 8, 1926, to purchase electricity from the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston."

A true copy of petition.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

Reading, Mass., May 15, 1926.

On this date I received a petition signed by seventy-three legal voters for a referendum on Zoning.

"We, the undersigned legal voters of the Town of Reading, respectfully petition the Honorable Board of Selectmen to call a town meeting for the purpose of a referendum as per Chapter 276, Acts of 1910, to act upon the action of the Town at a town meeting held on May 3, 1926, and adjourned to meet on May 10, 1926, whereby it was voted under Article 5 to adopt a Zoning By-Law under authority of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 25, as amended.

The Selectmen ruled that as there were only one hundred and fifty-one voters at the adjourned town meeting, there could be no referendum. They did this on advice and opinion of the Town Counsel, Melville F. Weston.

A true copy of petition and record.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall, May 24, 1926.

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's return, a town meeting was held at time and place mentioned therein, and was called to order by the Moderator, Jesse W. Morton.

The following checkers were duly appointed by the Selectmen and sworn by the Town Clerk:

Philomena Doucette, Jessie N. Thaxter, John J. McKenney, William P. Pierpoint, and James W. Sias, Constable, at turnstile.

The warrant was partially read when it was voted to dispense with further reading except the Constable's return, which being read, the meeting was duly opened.

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of the town officers and special committees and to determine what instructions will be given town officers and special committees.

Article 1. On motion of Otis B. Ruggles, it was voted to lay Article 1 on the table.

Article 2. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars ($650.00) for the purpose of installing a connection of the fire alarm system of Reading with the fire alarm system of Wakefield, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen.)

Article 2. On motion of Robert E. Parker, it was voted that the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars ($650.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of installing a connection of the fire alarm system of Reading with the fire alarm system of Wakefield ($650.00).

Article 3. To see what action, if any, the Town will take with reference to the pending suits of Emma L. Chamberlain and Fred F. Smith against the Town. (Law Committee.)

Article 3. On motion of Robert E. Parker, it was voted to authorize the Town Counsel to proceed under the direction of the Law Committee, to take all steps necessary to defend before any court the suits of Emma L. Chamberlain and Fred F. Simth against the Town, now pending in the Superior Court of Middlesex County, or to settle either or both of said suits, upon such terms as the Law Committee may approve, and to take such steps as may be necessary to effectuate any such settlement.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to construct and equip a Junior High School Building upon land east of Summer Avenue, between King and Temple Streets, acquired by the Town for school purposes pursuant to a vote of the Town at a meeting June 8, 1925, and to raise by borrowing or otherwise, and appropriate the sum of three hundred and ninety-seven thousand six hundred dollars ($397,600.00) for the purpose of constructing and equipping such building, or what it will do in relation thereto. (School Committee.)

Article 4. On motion of Albert R. Shepardson, it was voted that the sum of three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars be and the same

is hereby appropriated for the purpose of constructing and equipping a Junior High School building upon land east of Summer Ave., between King and Temple Sts., acquired by the Town for school purposes pursuant to a vote of the Town at a meeting held on June 8, 1925, and that for the purpose of raising said sum, forty-five thousand dollars shall be included in the current year's tax levy, seventy-five thousand dollars shall be raised by the issue of bonds or notes outside the debt limit under authority of Chapter 307, Acts of 1926, payable in not more than ten years from their date, and two hundred fifty-five thousand dollars by the issue of bonds or notes inside the debt limit under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, payable in not more than ten years from their date.

All of said bonds or notes shall bear such rate or rates of interest and be payable in such annual payments within the requirements of said Chapter 44 as the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, may determine. Other particulars as to the form, issuance and sale of said bonds or notes not inconsistent with legal requirements shall be determined by the Town Treasurer ($45,000.00).

On hundred and twenty voted "Yes" and none voted "No."

Article 5. To see if the Town will appoint some number of citizens to compose, with the members of the School Committee, a School House Building Commission, to have full charge of constructing and equipping the new Junior High School Building, with all powers necessary for that purpose, or what it will do in relation thereto. (School Committee.)

Article 5. On motion of Albert R. Shepardson, it was voted that three citizens be appointed by the Moderator to serve with the School Committee as a School House Building Commission, which shall have full charge of constructing and equipping the Junior High School Building, with all powers necessary for that purpose.

The Moderator appointed as that Commission:

Joseph D. Knight, Henry R. Johnson, Robert E. Parker; Joseph D. Knight to be the chairman of this Commission.

Article 6. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee or the School House Building Commission, if any, to employ an educational advisor during the construction of the new Junior High School Building, and to expend therefor any part of the unexpended balance of the twenty-five hundred dollars appropriated June 8, 1925, for survey and estimate, or what it will do in relation thereto. (School Committee.)

Article 6. On motion of Albert R. Shepardson, it was voted that the School House Building Commission be and hereby is authorized to employ an educational advisor during the construction of the Junior High School Building, and to expend therefor any part of the unexpended balance of the twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500.00) appropriated June 8, 1925, for survey and estimates.

Article 7. To see if the Town will provide for the appointment of a commission to study the needs of the Town with respect to all matters likely to involve, over a period of years, major expenditures of money by

the Town, such as the future construction of roads, public buildings, and the like, and the methods of financing the same, and report to the Town thereon, with its recommendations, or what it will do in relation thereto.
(Finance Committee.)

Article 7. On motion of Otis B. Ruggles, it was voted to indefinitely postpone this article.

Article 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents ($37.50) to complete payment of that portion of fence in rear of Highland School lot abutting the property of Eleanor G. Day. (School Committee.)

Article 8. On motion of Albert R. Shepardson, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-seven and 50-100 dollars to complete payment of that portion of the fence in the rear of the Highland School lot, abutting the property of Eleanor G. Day ($37.50).

Report of the number of persons admitted to the special town meeting held on Monday evening, May 24, 1926, in Security Hall.

To the Town Clerk:

The number of persons admitted to the special town meeting this date, as registered by the turnstile, was one hundred seventy.

ROBERT E. PARKER,
CHARLES F. TREVOR,
ELIAS B. CURRELL,
Selectmen of Reading.

Middlesex, ss. Reading, May 24, 1926.

There personally appeared the above-named Selectmen of Reading, Robert E. Parker, Charles F. Trevor and Elias B. Currell, and made oath that the above statement is true according to their best knowledge and belief.

Before me,

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

On motion of Otis B. Ruggles, it was voted to adjourn sine die.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL REFERENDUM TOWN MEETING

Security Hall, May 28, 1926.

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's return, a referendum town meeting was held, and was called to order by Selectman Elias B. Currell. The warrant was partially read when it was voted to dispense with the further reading except the Constable's return, which was then read and the polls were duly opened. The following ballot clerks and tellers were duly sworn by the Town Clerk:

Charles C. Johnson, James A. Waters, John J. McKenney, Forrest T. Staples, John T. Wall, Jr., Ralph S. Keneely, Jessie N. Thaxter, Katherine E. Murray, Christine F. Atkinson, Eva F. Gleason, Helen J. Middleton, Eleanora Crowe, Philomena Doucette, Richard N. B. Wilson.

The ballot boxes were opened and examined, and found empty, the keys were given to the police officer in charge, William F. O'Brien. The ballots were delivered to Elias B. Currell, Selectman, in charge.

The polls were duly closed at nine o'clock, P. M., with the following result:

One thousand thirty-seven voted "Yes."	1,037
Five hundred twenty-seven voted "No."	527
Blanks	8
Total vote	1572

The ballots were counted and declared in open town meeting and the ballots sealed and deliverd to the Town Clerk.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall, June 14, 1926.

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's return, a town meeting was held and was called to order by the Moderator, Jesse W. Morton. The following were duly sworn by the Town Clerk as checkers on the check lists:

Jessie N. Thaxter, Philomena Doucette, John T. Wall, Jr., William P. Pierpont, James W. Sias, Constable, as turnstile operator.

The Town Clerk, Millard F. Charles, partially read the warrant, when it was voted on motion of Charles F. Trevor, that further reading be dispensed with except the Constable's return, which being read, the meeting was duly opened.

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and Special Committees and determine what instructions will be given Town Officers and Special Committees.

Article 1. On motion of Otis B. Ruggles, this article was laid on the table.

Article 2. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate or otherwise prodvide for the purchase of motor fire apparatus, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen.)

Article 2. On motion of Robert E. Parker, it was voted that six thousand dollars ($6,000.00) be raised and appropriated for the purchase of motor fire apparatus ($6,000.00).

Article 3. To see what action, if any, the Town will take, with reference to the pending petitions of Charles P. Howard, Ruth A. Lumsden and Solomon Davis against the Town, for the assessment of damages for the taking by the Town for school purposes of certain parcels of land belonging respectively to said petitioners. (Law Committee.)

Article 3. On motion of Melville F. Weston, it was voted that the Town Counsel be and hereby is authorized to settle and dispose of the pending petitions of Charles P. Howard, Ruth A. Lumsden and Solomon Davis, for the assessment of damages against the Town for the taking by eminent domain of certain parcels of land theretofore belonging to them and lying east of Summer Ave. and between King and Temple Sts., in Reading, upon the following terms: That there be paid in full discharge of all demands whatever against the Town, to Charles P. Howard, $8730.00; to Ruth A. Lumsden, $6850.00, and to Solomon Davis, $3315.00, said payment to each of the above-named persons to be made by the Town Treasurer after the same shall have been approved as required by law, from the unexpended balance of the $20,000.00 originally appropriated for payment for the said land, upon its being made to appear that the person receiving such payment has given to the town a release of all demands in accordance with this vote.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend its by-laws by adding to Article 9 thereof a provision regulating the making, by the Town Officers, of contracts involving sums exceeding one hundred dollars and not exceeding two thousand dollars. (Finance Committee.)

Article 4. On motion of Otis B. Ruggles, it was voted to indefinitely postpone this Article.

On motion of Otis B. Ruggles, it was voted to adjourn sine die.

Reading, Mass., June 14, 1926.

Report of the number of persons admitted to the special town meeting held this date, as registered by the turnstile, (36).

ROBERT E. PARKER
CHARLES F. TREVOR
Selectmen of Reading.

Middlesex, ss. Reading, Mass., June 14, 1926.

There personally appeared the above Selectmen of Reading, namely: Robert E. Parker and Charles F. Trevor, and made oath that the above statement signed by them is true, according to their best knowledge and belief.

Before me,

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

STATE PRIMARY

Security Hall, Sept. 14, 1926.

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's return thereon, a Primary was held and was called to order by Selectman Charles F. Trevor. The following ballot clerks and tellers were duly sworn by the Town Clerk, Millard F. Charles:

Forrest T. Staples, James A. Waters, William P. Pierpont, Jessie N. Thaxter, Katherine E. Murray, Mary L. Baker, John J. McKenney, Eva F. Gleason, Rose C. Kerr, Charles C. Johnson.

Tellers: Richard N. B. Wilson, Charles A. Sullivan, George M. Hutchinson, Ralph S. Keneeley, Wilfred A. Bancroft, Christine F. Atkinson, Bernice S. Flint, Ruth E. Thornton, Alice M. Newell, Philomena C. Doucette, Mary C. Barrett.

The ballot boxes were examined and found empty, the ballots were delivered to the ballot clerks, and the polls were duly opened at 5.45 o'clock A. M., and were closed at 4.30 o'clock P. M. The total number of votes cast was 1349, divided as follows: 86 Democratic and 1263 Republican, with the following vote for each of the candidates:

Republican

For Governor

Alvan T. Fuller, 81 Appleton St., Malden	1188

For Lieutenant Governor

Frank G. Allen, 289 Walpole St., Norwood	1153

For Secretary

Frederic W. Cook, 75 Benton Road, Somerville	1112

For Treasurer

William S. Youngman, 39 Williston Road, Brookline	1107

For Auditor

Alonzo B. Cook, 27 Wales St., Boston	989

For Attorney-General

Elijah Adlow, 35 Elm Hill Park, Boston	124
Alexander Lincoln, 265 Beacon St., Boston	128
Arthur K. Reading, 57 Francis Ave., Cambridge	924
Blanks	87

Senator in Congress

William M. Butler, 231 Commonwealth Ave., Boston	1092
Blanks	171

Congressman, 5th District

John Boardman, 22 Elm St., Concord	191
Edith Nourse Rogers, 444 Andover St., Lowell	1025
Blanks	47

Councillor, 6th District

Harvey L. Boutwell, 209 Summer St., Malden	566
Joseph F. Dyer, 67 Forest St., Medford	69
Charles A. Kimball, King St., Littleton	382
Blanks	245

Senator, 7th Middlesex District

Joseph R. Cotton, 53 Middle St., Lexington	733
Alice F. D. Pearson, 69 Clitheroe St., Lowell	384
Blanks	146

Representatives in General Court, 18th Middlesex District

Winslow P. Burhoe, 50 Prospect St., Reading	281
Arthur S. Cook, 59 Bancroft Ave., Reading	621
Louis Ellenwood, 10 Gould St., Reading	702
Samuel W. Mendum, 16 Arlington Road, Woburn	294
Wilford A. Walker, 4 Fairview Road, Woburn	293
Blanks	235

County Commissioner, Middlesex County

Erson B. Barlow, 85 Sanders Ave., Lowell	980
Blanks	283

District Attorney, Northern Middlesex District

Robert T. Bushnell, 155 Summer St., Somerville	1032
Blanks	231

Associate Commissioners, Middlesex County

Sidney L. Bishop, 32 High St., Everett	238
Sherman H. Fletcher, Main St., Westford	660
Daniel D. Gorman, 48 Burnside Ave., Somerville	75
Harry L. Haseltine, 18 Lovell St., Somerville	100
John M. Keyes, 33 Monument St., Concord	621
Blanks	832

Sheriff, Middlesex County

John R. Fairbairn, 50 Thorndike St., Cambridge	993
Blanks	270

County Commissioner, Middlesex Co.
(to fill vacancy)

Nathaniel I. Bowditch, Edmands Road, Framingham	602
Daniel F. McBride, 107 Second St., Medford	36
Harry F. Peck, 18 Byron St., Wakefield	320
Blanks	305

Register Probate and Insolvency, Middlesex County
(to fill vacancy)

William G. Andrew, 53 Elm St., Somerville	111
Loring P. Jordan, 12 Church St., Wakefield	725

Russell A. Wood, 11 Whittier St., Cambridge	170
Blanks	257

State Committee, 7th Middlesex District

Mary F. Daniel, 17 Harnden St., Reading	884
Blanks	379

Delegates to State Convention

Edward B. Eames, 193 Main St.	1026
Lillian J. Knight, 34 Center Ave.	1022
Calvert H. Playdon, 112 Ash St.	1038
Truesdell C. Fife, 6 Union St.	1016
A. Gertrude Killam, 16 Arlington St.	1029
Louise B. Maxwell, 250 Main St.	1011
Laura S. Gordon, 93 Haven St.	1011
Helen R. Grimes, 141 Woburn St.	1006
Charles P. Howard, 122 Summer Ave.	1015
Harold F. Parker, 24 Pratt St.	1034
Blanks	2422

Town Committee, Reading

Edward B. Eames, 193 Main St.	987
Annie E. Patrick, 312 Main St.	965
Louis Ellenwood, 10 Gould St.	1014
Calvert H. Playdon, 112 Ash St.	992
Mary F. Daniel, 17 Harnden St.	987
Arthur S. Cook, 59 Bancroft Ave.	1000
Harold F. Parker, 24 Pratt St.	995
J. Edward Frost, 95 Oak St.	998
Katherine G. Howard, 122 Summer Ave.	977
Louise B. Maxwell, 250 Main St.	967
A. Gertrude Killam, 16 Arlington St.	983
Raymond B. Temple, 50 Hillcrest Road	1000
Grace L. Twombly, 35 Highland St.	995
James W. Fairchild, 394 Main St.	997
Helen R. Grimes, 141 Woburn St.	967
Blanks	4121

Democratic

Governor

William A. Gaston, 97 Bay State Road, Boston	67
Blanks	19

Lieutenant-Governor

Harry J. Dooley, 62 Chester St., Boston	28
Joseph B. Ely, 66 Broad St., Westfield	40
Blanks	18

Secretary

Frank W. Cavanaugh, 110 Parker St., Newton	65
Blanks	21

Treasurer

Daniel England, 175 Wendell Ave., Pittsfield	60
Blanks	26

Auditor

Strabo V. Claggett, 1820 Washington St., Newton	59
Blanks	27

Attorney-General

John E. Swift, 7 Parker Hill Ave., Milford	41
Harold Williams, Jr., 79 Brookline Place, Brookline	24
Blanks	21

Senator in Congress
(to fill vacancy)

David I. Walsh, 37 Day St., Fitchburg	74
Blanks	12

Congressman, 5th District

James M. Hurley, 237 Lincoln St., Marlborough	62
Blanks	24

Councillor, 6th District

Charles A. Dean, Wakefield	2
Blanks	84

Senator, 7th Middlesex District

George F. A. MacDougall, Lafayette Road, Reading	64
Blanks	22

Representatives in General Court, 18th Middlesex District

William J. Blake, 9 Scott St., Woburn	69
Edward G. Quinlan, 228 Main St., Reading	45
Blanks	58

County Commissioner, Middlesex County

Blanks	86

Associate Commissioners

Blanks	172

District Attorney

Patrick J. Delaney, 42 Armory St., Cambridge	54
Blanks	32

Sheriff

Blanks	86

County Commissioner

(to fill vacancy)

Daniel F. McBride, 107 Second St., Medford	51
Blanks	35

Register of Probate and Insolvency

John J. Butler, 6 Bartley St., Wakefield	58
Blanks	28

Delegates to State Convention

George F. A. McDougall, Lafayette Road	61
Albert J. Wright, 23 Locust St.	63
James A. Waters, 9 Chute St.	66
Bernard W. Conefy, 78 Haven St.	61
Blanks	605

Town Committee (10 Elected)

Margaret A. Canty, 39 Mineral St.	11
John J. Carney, 19 Park Ave.	9
Millard F. Charles, 66 Bancroft Ave.	18
Bernard W. Conefy, 78 Haven St.	5
Frank E. Doucette, 5 Morgan Park	1
Frances Doucette, 5 Morgan Park	2
James W. Fleming, 18 Green St.	17
John J. Galvin, 16 Green St.	7
Marguerite L. Jones, 40 Minot St.	5
James E. Lewis, Park St.	13
George F. A. McDougall, Lafayette Road	12
Saram M. McDougall, Lafayette Road	5
Owen McKenney, 116 John St.	14
Nora T. Murray, 10 Park St.	1
Edward G. Quinlan, 228 Main St.	12
Catherine E. Reilly, 19 Middlesex Ave. Extension	8
Charles A. Sullivan, 5 Winthrop Ave.	0
James A. Waters, 9 Chute St.	14
Richard N. B. Wilson, 169 Woburn St.	7
Albert J. Wright, 23 Locust St.	9
John J. Walsh, 37 Main St.	1
Blanks	689

The votes of each party were counted separately and signed, sealed and delivered to the Town Clerk, whereupon the meeting adjourned.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

STATE ELECTION

Security Hall, November 2, 1926.

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's return thereon, a State Election was held at the time and at the place specified therein and was called to order by Selectman Charles F. Trevor. The warrant was read, the ballots delivered to the presiding Election Officer and the following ballot clerks and tellers were duly sworn:

Mary L. Baker, Eva H. Gleason, Marion H. Cook, Katherine E. Murray, Jessie N. Thaxter, Catherine E. Riley, Helen J. Middleton, Forest T. Staples, John J. Carney, Lester K. Pratt, Charles C. Johnson, James A. Waters, Maurice H. Donegan, Charles H. Melendy.

Counters and tellers: Alice M. Newell, Bernice S. Flint, Annie E. Patrick, Mary C. Barrett, Ruth E. Thornton, Catherine L. Doherty, George M. Hutchinson, Ralph S. Keneeley, Wilfred A. Bancroft, Richard N. B. Wilson, John J. Walsh, Martin P. Riley.

The ballot boxes were opened, examined and declared empty and the keys delivered to the Constable in charge, James W. Sias. The polls were duly opened.

A motion was made by Charles P. Howard that the polls close at 5.30 o'clock P. M. and said motion was duly carried.

The following protest was filed with the presiding officer:

To Constable Sias:—

To the Honorable Chairman of the Reading Board of Selectmen and the Warden:

I hereby protest the extension of time of the closing of the polls in this Town and in behalf of the Democratic Town Committee, I protest the whole election here.

GEORGE F. A. McDOUGALL, Chairman,
Democratic Town Committee.

The polls were duly closed at 5.30 o'clock P. M. and the ballot boxes showed that 3154 had voted. The check lists showed that 3164 had voted and the check lists agreed that a total of 3164 had voted. The votes were counted with the following result:

Governor

Alvan T. Fuller of Malden	2588
William A. Gaston of Boston	523
Walter S. Hutchins of Greenfield	7
Samuel Leger of Boston	2
Lewis Marks of Boston	4
Blanks	40

Lieutenant-Governor

Frank G. Allen of Norwood	2547
Daniel T. Blessington of Somerville	9
Albert Oddie of Brockton	8
Dennis F. Reagan of Brockton	7
Edmond P. Talbot of Fall River	478
Blanks	115

Secretary

Harry J. Canter of Boston	39
Frank W. Cavanaugh of Newton	489
Frederic W. Cook of Somerville	2423
Stephen S. Surridge of Lynn	5
Edith M. Williams of Brookline	11
Blanks	197

Treasurer

Albert Sprague Coolidge of Pittsfield	31
Winfield A. Dwyer of Boston	24
Daniel England of Pittsfield	453
Henry Hess of Boston	6
William S. Youngman of Brookline	2424
Blanks	226

Auditor

Leon Arkin of Boston	12
Strabo V. Claggett of Newton	800
Alonzo B. Cook of Boston	2037
Emma P. Hutchins of Boston	28
John R. MacKinnon of Lowell	9
Blanks	278

Attorney-General

Isadore Harris of Boston	12
Max Lerner of Worcester	14
Arthur K. Reading of Cambridge	2535
John Weaver Sherman of Boston	9
John E. Swift of Milford	426
Blanks	168

Senator in Congress

John J. Ballam of Boston	8
William M. Butler of Boston	2233
Washington Cook of Sharon	14
Alfred Baker Lewis of Cambridge	5
David I. Walsh of Fitchburg	862
Blanks	42

Congressman

James M. Hurley of Marlborough	407
Edith Nourse Rogers of Lowell	2596
Blanks	161

Councillor, 6th District

Harvey L. Boutwell of Malden	2447
Blanks	717

Senator, 7th Middlesex District

Joseph R. Cotton of Lexington	2286
George F. A. McDougall of Reading	578
Blanks	300

Representatives in General Court, 18th Middlesex District

William J. Blake of Woburn	276
Louis Ellenwood of Reading	2305
Edward G. Quinlan of Reading	852
Wilford A. Walker of Woburn	1592
Blanks	1303

County Commissioner, Middlesex County

Erson B. Barlow of Lowell	2423
Blanks	741

Associate Commissioners, Middlesex County

Sherman H. Fletcher of Westford	2307
John M. Keyes of Concord	2108
Blanks	1913

District Attorney, Northern District, Middlesex County

Robert T. Bushnell of Somerville	2483
Patrick J. Delaney of Cambridge	432
Blanks	249

Sheriff, Middlesex County

John R. Fairbairn of Cambridge	2526
Blanks	638

County Commissioner
(to fill vacancy)

Nathaniel I. Bowditch of Framingham	2363
Daniel F. McBride of Medford	438
Blanks	363

Register Probate and Insolvency, Middlesex County
(to fill vacancy)

John J. Butler of Wakefield	538
Loring P. Jordan of Wakefield	2298
Blanks	328

Question No. 1, Amendment to the Constitution

Yes	1396
No	577
Blanks	1191

Question No. 2, Preference for Veterans

Yes	1111
No	1155
Blanks	898

The votes were counted in open town meeting and the ballots sealed and delivered to the Town Clerk, whereupon the meeting adjourned.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Middlesex

CITY OF WOBURN

In accordance with the provisions of Section 125, Chapter 54 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, of 1921, the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerks of Reading and North Reading, being the City and Town Clerks of every city and town in Representative District No. 18 within said County, met at the City Hall, Woburn, at noon on Friday, Nov. 12th, A. D. 1926, being the 10th day succeeding the day of the State Election held on Tuesday, Nov. 2d, A. D. 1926, and then and there opened, examined, and compared the copies of the records of votes cast at said election for the office of Representative and determined therefrom that Louis Ellenwood of Reading and Wilford A. Walker of Woburn were elected to the office of Representative.

The following is a schedule of the names of all persons for whom votes for Representative were given in said District and the number of votes given for each person, viz:—

William J. Blake of Woburn	2907
Louis Ellenwood of Reading	4369
Edward G. Quinlan of Reading	2747
Wilford A. Walker of Woburn	4342

In witness whereof, we, the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerks of Reading and North Reading hereunto set our hands this twelfth day of November, A. D. 1926.

WILLIAM E. KANE, City Clerk, Woburn
MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk, Reading
HERBERT L. ABBOTT, Town Clerk, No. Reading

Received and recorded, Nov. 12th, A. D. 1926.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

NOTICE TO PARENTS, HOUSEWIVES, PHYSICIANS AND MIDWIVES

Your Attention is Called to the Sections Below Taken from the Revised Laws—Blank Forms for Return of Births Can be Obtained of the Town Clerk

SECTION 3, CHAPTER 444, ACTS 1897

Sec. 3. Physicians and midwives shall on or before the fifth day of each month report to the clerk of each city or town a correct list of all children born therein during the month next preceding, at whose birth they were present, stating the date and place of each birth, the name of the child, if it has any, the sex and color of the child, the name, place of birth and residence of the parents, the maiden name of the mother, and occupation of the father. If the child is illegitimate the name of the father shall not be stated, unless at the joint request in writing of both father and mother, which request shall be filed with the returns of births. The fee of the physicians or midwives shall be twenty-five cents for each birth so reported, and shall be paid by the city or town in which the report is made, upon presentation of a certificate from the city or town clerk, stating that said births have been reported in conformity with the requirements of this section. Any physician or midwife neglecting to report such list for ten days after it is due shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

SECTION 6, CHAPTER 444, ACTS 1897

Sec. 6. Parents and householders shall within forty (40) days after the date of a birth occurring in his house give thereof or cause such notice to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which such child is born.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

DOGS LICENSED DURING YEAR 1926

June 1, 1926:	
335 Male dogs licensed	$ 670.00
63 Female dogs licensed	315.00
1 Breeder's license	50.00
1 Bredder's license	25.00
Total receipts	$1060.00
400 licenses @ 20c., Clerk's fee	80.00
Paid County Treasurer	$ 980.00
Dec. 1, 1926:	
151 Male dogs licensed	$ 302.00
42 Female dogs licensed	210.00
Total receipts	$ 512.00
193 licenses @ 20c., Clerk's fee	38.60
Paid County Treasurer	$ 473.40
Total paid County Treasurer	$1453.40

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES IN 1926

260 Resident Citizens' Sporting licenses @ $2.25	$ 585.00
14 Resident Citizens' Trapping licenses @ $2.25	31.50
23 Minor Trapping Licenses @ 75c	17.75
2 Duplicate licenses @ 50c.	1.00
Total receipts	$ 635.25
297 licenses @ 25c., Clerk's fee	74.25
Balance due Fish and Game Division	$ 561.00

Paid Division Fisheries and Game for year 1926:

Feb. 11,	$ 112.00
March 3	16.00
April 6	6.00
May 4	48.00
June 8	38.00
July 6	64.00
Aug. 6	24.00
Sept. 7	20.00
Oct. 16	56.00
Nov. 3	138.50
Dec. 14	31.50
Jan. 5, 1927	7.00
	$561.00

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1926

Date	Name	Parents
Jan.		
2	Muriel Reebenacker	Maurice O. and Dorothea H.
14	Charles Randall Arthur	Frank L. and Hilda H.
14	Helen Barbara Heselton	Ralph F. and Harriett C.
15	Mary Morse	Horace G. and Martha H.
16	Albert Leland Adams	Lester C. and Leona P.
16	Richard Edward Brown	Everett W. and Helen S.
17	Earline Gaw	William and Ella W.
19	Ruth Elizabeth Van Horn	Thomas G. and Sarah W.
21	Herbert Gardner Perry	Gardner A. and Ethel K.
24	Ethel Leonette Lacey	Thomas and Mina N.
31	Mary Louise Tebeau	Frank A. and Delia D.
Feb.		
3	Albert Nathaniel Turner	Theodore W. and Alice C.
4	Fred Edward Hosmer	Fred and Helen H.
6	——— Wood	Raymond and Mildred Spear
12	James Edward Haney	Edward M. and Alice R.
12	Ralph Edgar Wilson	Ralph E. and Ruth A.
18	Gertrude Julia Eldridge	Ralph P. and Jennie B.
21	Elaine Austin	Irving C. and Thelma J.
21	Ethel May Hickey	George J. and Elizabeth H.
23	Arline Louise Surette	Leo A. and Alethia A.
26	Helen Kathryn Bennett	Austin F. and Mary K.
26		
March		
9	Daniel Kevin Desmond	Daniel J. and Helen T.
11	Jean MacKenzie	Ernest C. and Irene K.
12	Robert Wendell Saunders	Karl R. and Maria G.
18	Kenneth Warren Lauriat	Herbert W. and Helen W.
19	Rita Lee LeFave	John H. and Genevieve D.
23	Barbara Rose Meuse	John A. and Naomi C.
23	Beverly Elizabeth Runge	Carl O. and Dorothy S.
24	Barbara Jones	Willard and Bertha M.
25	Jean Allyn Pestana	Joseph J. and Gladys S.
29	Louis John Bacigalupo	Philip and Teresa C.
April		
1	Dorothy Joan Doucette	Clarence L. and Frances L. S.
4	John Christian Rose, Jr.	John C. and Elizabeth E.
5	George William Tebeau	George J. and Irene F.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1926

Date	Name	Parents
7	Paul Sawyer	William W. and Mary B.
7	Raymond Sawyer	William W. and Mary B.
9	Arthur Willard Bancroft, Jr.	Arthur W. and Grace M.
10	Patricia Ann Curtin	Arthur M. and Margaret J.
12	David Charles Moore	Albert G. and Mary F.
21	Mary Evelyn Doucette	Jeremiah and Florence D.
21	Phyllis Barr	Harry C. and Alice N.
21	Janet Harris	Thomas L. and Lucretia F.
22	Jaqueline Rita Keefe	James F., Jr., and Dorothy M.
25	William Edward Whelpley	George E. and Mildred H.
25	Winifred Fowle	Robert E. and Christie W.
May		
1	Mary Elizabeth Ferrick	John J. and Hannah B.
2	Charles Donald Doucette	John W. and Mary B.
2	James Lumsden, 2nd	Blin W. and Annie B.
3	William Henry Decie, Jr.	William H. and Georgianna F.
8	Evelyn Norma Garvia	Joseph and Mary C.
8	Alice Irene Harvey	Albert C. and Hattie A.
8	Penn Knox Michelini	Ralph and Dorothy K.
12	Anna Marie Dickinson	Orrison L. and Olga P.
16	Edith Louise Charles	Norman P. and Esther D.
17	James Dennis Burbine	Joseph E. and Rose D.
17	Edith Margaret Muise	Benjamin and Sylvia D.
25	Lillian Aileen Lowell	Robert D. and Lillian H.
26	Richard Dudley Robinson	Gerald C. and Annabel D.
29	Jean Ruth McClintock	Leonard S. and Winifred G.
June		
4	Clifford Earle Dow	Clarence L. and Joanna N.
4	Paul Meuse	Joseph E. and Elizabeth M.
4		
6	Doris Marion Gadbois	Albert D. and Rose F.
8	Shirley Foss Woodward	Emerson W. and Viola P.
12	Muriel Jane Brotherton	Maurice H. and Pearl O.
12	Shirley Thelma Lieberman	Samuel and Elizabeth S.
14		
16	Pauline Loretta Theriault	Nelson and Lillian B.
16	Doris Marie Wooldridge	Chester M. and Viola N.
19		
21	Lawrence Charles Marr	Frederick A. and Elise R.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1926

Date	Name	Parents
24	Marguerite Theresa O'Keefe	Daniel J. and Bridget M.
25	Ernest E. Hadley	Leslie C. and Anna D.
29	Mildred Constance MacConney	George A. and Rodna F.
July		
4	Edward Anthony Koptuch	John and Josephine S.
4	Mildred Louise Melonson	Arthur and Elsie W.
5	Donald Arthur Pease	George B. and Florence M. D.
5	Paul Matthew Quinlan	John J. and Mary D.
6	Dennis Louis Muse, Jr.	Dennis L. and Rose D.
10	Raymond John Sears	John H. and Ada G.
15	Charles Hutchins Field, Jr.	Charles H. and Emma K.
17	Gertrude Dorothy Doucette	Douglas P. and Gertrude D.
18	Leroy Clifford Smith	S. Kent and Maud B.
21	William Duffy	John Leo and Rosabelle E.
21	Paul Philip Pepe	Joseph and Mary C.
Aug.		
4	Edna May Storti	John and Edna B.
8	Lucy Jean MacLeod	Herbert W. and Lucy B.
11	Jean Grace Gleason	Clement T. and Catherine M.
13	Margaret Mary Slack	Francis T. and Mary D.
17	Jean Kathryn Geary	Paul J. and Katherine S.
17	Arthur John Frotton, Jr.	Arthur J. and Margaret L.
17	Mary Ethel Muir	John, Jr., and Mary M.
23	Lorraine Margaret Brogan	Roy J. and Margaret O.
31	Geraldine Elizabeth Gallagher	Fred C. and Stella L.
31	Gertrude Bernice Gallagher	Fred C. and Stella L.
Sept.		
6		
7	Doris Virginia Livingstone	Leonard A. and Laura M.
9	Evelyn Lorena Anderson	John L. and Louena B.
9	Paul Fitzgerald	Maurice T. and Pauline D.
10	Natalie Rose Mahoney	John E. and Frances M.
21	Marilyn Shapiro	Harry J. and Annie S.
21	Caroline Bowen Foster	Harold P. and Frances M.
23	Kenneth Warren King	Chester R. and Almira W.
25	George Lee Skillins	George R. and Kathleen S.
28	Henry Joseph Meuse, Jr.	Henry J. and Minnie D.
29	Winifred Elizabeth Cail	James B. and Lillian M.
29		

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1926

Date	Name	Parents
Oct.		
1	Jean Elizabeth Donegan	Maurice H. and Doris B.
5	Gertrude Mildred Williams	Ralph B. and Frances W.
6	Edward Gordon Strain	Richard H. and Doris L.
12	Barbara Irene Doucette	John L. and Irene S.
12	Ernest Earle Gahan	Arthur M. and Helen T.
13		
14	Nathan Weston	Melville F. and Marion S.
14	Edmund Stewart Blier, Jr.	Edmund S. and Elizabeth K.
14	Richard Ernest Rogers	Harold M. and Hattie N.
14	Ruth Gertrude Graupner	Albert C. and Ethel B.
15	Joseph Louis LeBlanc, Jr.	Joseph L. and Mary W.
16	Rita Catherine Arsenault	John R. and Matilda D.
16	Charles Vincent Doucette	Robert E. and Mary D.
24	Margaret Ruth Hunt	Charles E. and Margaret H.
24	Marion Alice White	Allie J. and Mary W.
31	Barbara Anne Spillane	Timothy J. and Eileen D.
Nov.		
5	Virginia Ruth Sherrod	Roy L. and Florence M.
8	Rachel Ann Burbank	Thomas H. and Euphemia J.
12	James Roy Baker	Roy E. and Marian H.
12	Norman Sherwood Gould	Chester F. and Nellie V.
12	Clarence Walter Enos	Joseph G. and Adelaide O.
13	Gertrude Jean Doucette	Joseph L. and Gertrude A.
14	Francis Vincent Geary, Jr.	Francis V. and Evelyn L.
21	Walter Francis Arsenault	Peter J. and Obeline P.
21	Frank Thomas Gurney	Russell B. and Hattie W.
29	Ruth Elaine Avery	Edwin H. and Lillian C.
Dec.		
1	Janice Winifred Humphrey	George A. and Fleda B.
4	Ruth Virginia Wright	Albert J. and Catherine B.
6	Robert Harry Bryant	Forest H. and Edith P.
8	James Stephen Doran	Daniel F. and Mary M.
9	John Thomas White, Jr.	John T. and Harriet B.
10	Constance Chesley	Robert O. and Edith B.
28	Francis Lawrence Meuse	Ambrose L. and Vera L.
30	Russell Knight Martin	Alvin S. and Louise W.
30	Paul Joseph Banks	Martin H. and Vera C.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING FOR PRECEDING YEARS

July 17, 1860	
Walter Everett Burtt	Thomas F. and Marion N.
Jan. 16, 1889	
Lillian Elnora Frost	Clarence A. and Lillian E.
Sept. 10, 1890	
William Ernest Doucette	Dennis and Maggie D.
Jan. 30, 1913	
Anna DeVita	Raimondo and Jennie R.
Aug. 25, 1920	
Aaron Frank Pritchard	Aaron F. and Violet P.
Aug. 14, 1925	
Sept. 19, 1925	
Leon Stephen Bonugli	Leon M. and Madeline L.
Dec. 29, 1925	

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1926

Date	Names	Age	Occupation	Residence
Jan.				
10	Louis Bernard Runge	20	Laborer	Reading
	Mildred Louise Campbell	17	Shoeworker	Reading
17	Wincenty Lazuk	27	Salesman	Reading
	Sophia Romarzko	21	Clerk	Chelsea
17	James K. Manuel	36	Merchant	Reading
	Freda Johani	22	Mill Hand	Haverhill
30	Joseph Matthew Surette	21	Rubber Worker	Reading
	Bertha LeBlanc	18	Laundry Worker	Wakefield
Feb.				
6	Frederick C. Tresler	23	Mechanic	Reading
	Ruth L. Schaffner	19	Saleslady	Reading
7	Roy James Brogan	23	Store Manager	Reading
	Margaret Ogg	22	Operator	Woburn
12	Warris Kincaid Bredbury	22	Engineer	Reading
	Jane Alice Townsend	21	Filing Clerk	Reading
14	Charles Joseph Precourt	36	Salesman	Medford
	Mary Irena McDavitt	32	At Home	Reading
28	Herbert James Whitney	25	Sport Editor	Andover
	Edith Gracia Smith	21	Dressmaker	Reading
March				
6	Gordon Hewes Allen	28	Asst. Treasurer	Reading
	Helen Irene Ferguson	27	At Home	Gloucester
20	Harold Francis Upton	36	Lumber Dealer	No. Reading
	Blanche Bailey MacFarlane	38	At Home	Reading
25	Lester K. Pratt	39	Salesman	Reading
	Mae A. Jones	28	Operator	Wakefield
29	Albert Angus Runge	24	Chauffeur	Reading
	Ethyl Maud Glover	28	At Home	Reading
April				
4	Denis Joseph Sullivan	23	Musician	Malden
	Helen Goodwin Day	21	At Home	Reading
10	Michael Christopher Gaffney	31	Teamster	Reading
	Gertrude Louise Holman	30	At Home	Reading
10	Rockwell Mason Gray	25	Salesman	Sanbornton, N. H.
	Althea Viola Manning	20	Clerk	Reading
15	Charles Lawrence Lowe	20	Inspector	Cambridge
	Dorothy Anna Monahan	22	At Home	Cambridge

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1926

Date	Names	Age	Occupation	Residence
17	Frank Joseph Leary	25	Buyer	Pawtucket, R. I.
	Lucy Eleanor Smith	25	Artist	Reading
22	Robert George Draper	25	Teacher	Lynn
	Frances O'Brien	20	Saleslady	Reading
25	Charles Elias Hunt	38	Machinist	Reading
	Margaret Stewart Hickman	21	Clerk	Reading
May				
10	Arlington Aden Cole	21	Auto Mechanic	No. Reading
	Lena Iris Eldredge	18	Brush Factory	No. Reading
19	Everett Zedeska Rushtin	21	Laborer	Lexington
	Hilda Wilson	17	At Home	Lexington
June				
2	Clinton Lewis Bancroft	50	Fire Protection Engineer	Reading
	Ruth Duthie Beckford	22	Secretary	Plymouth
2	Louis Alexander Doucette	22	Electrician	Reading
	Mary Frances Melonson	18	Housework	Reading
2	William T. McKeon	29	Salesman	Wakefield
	Margaret T. Maguire	31	Office Manager	Reading
5	Lawrence Warren Allen	26	Bank Clerk	Reading
	Maud Madeline Mitchell	29	Secretary	Reading
5	Philip Francis Nelson	23	Attorney	Reading
	Marion Donaldson Chapin	24	Stenographer	Jamaica Plain
12	Edmund Frederick Sparks	23	Fireman	Reading
	Susette Irene Menghella	22	At Home	Reading
12	Chester Parker Upham	28	Wood Worker	Wakefield
	Althea Helena Pavell	31	Domestic	Wakefield
14	Pius Leo D'Entremont	23	Upholsterer	Stoneham
	Esther Irene D'Entremont	24	Housework	Reading
18	Gould Bishop Ruggles	29	Electrical Engineer	Reading
	Edna Lillian Wilson	20	Stenographer	Topsham, Maine
19	Robert Morrill Clough	24	Student	Reading
	Mabelle Marian Burditt	19	At Home	No. Reading
23	Arnold S. Patterson	27	Carpenter	Medford
	Minerva Evelyn Skidmore	25	Watchmaking	Waltham
25	William Henry Graham	30	Dairyman	Waltham
	Muriel Bernica Cleland	29	Teacher	Reading
26	Austin Wendell Hemeon	29	Fisherman	Reading
	Margaret May Frotten	22	Restaurant Work	Reading
30	Frank Augustus Meuse	33	Fisherman	Wakefield
	Anna Alphonsine Meuse	28	Housework	Reading

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1926

Date	Names	Age	Occupation	Residence
July				
8	Arthur Asa Sirkes	43	Salesman	New York City, N. Y.
	Myra L. Perkins	47	Saleslady	Los Angeles, Calif.
10	Maurice Joseph Frotten	29	Carpenter	Reading
	Mary Elizabeth Muise	19	Housework	Wakefield
10	Harvey Scott Merrill	26	Foreman	Lexington
	Helen Hutchinson	21	Florist	Reading
14	George A. Gerard	19	Electrical Engineer	Reading
	Bertha E. Gilday	25	Music Teacher	Hyde Park
16	Ernest Stewart Hickman	20	Rattan Worker	Reading
	Mildred Elizabeth LeGro	19	Clerk	Reading
18	John Francis Doucette	34	Nursery Inspector	Abington
	Ann Emma White	20	Housework	Reading
31	George Elbridge Dill	27	Engineer	Reading
	Gladys Abbott Killam	27	Bookkeeper	Reading
Aug.				
4	Timothy James Cullinane	40	Police Officer	Reading
	Hannah Helena Maloney	24	Telephone Operator	Wakefield
7	Harold Otis Ernest Towle	25	Clerk	Reading
	Lucy Howes MacDonald	23	At Home	Reading
8	Frank Oliver Coolidge	32	Foreman	Reading
	Bertha Elizabeth Bryden	18	At Home	Reading
8	Francis Vincent Geary	19	Manager	Reading
	Evelyn Frances LeFave	20	At Home	Wakefield
10	John George Gonsalves	23	Stripper	Woburn
	Gertrude Elizabeth Porter	18	At Home	Reading
14	Richard Eugene McBrien	20	Clerk	Reading
	Alta May Rose	19	Stenographer	Brookline
14	Willard Erlin Stratton	24	Clerk	Reading
	Charlotte Dill Sprague	22	Stenographer	Allston
14	Willard Brackett Tucker	32	Bank Clerk	Reading
	Effie Eliza Currell	26	Insurance Clerk	Reading
16	Louis Rudolph Swanson	35	Policeman	Stoughton
	Jane Hammond	21	At Home	Reading
17	Elias Alfred Johnson	37	Sales Manager	St. Louis, Mo.
	Katherine Brown Hardwick	26	At Home	Reading
19	Russell Harrison Henry	31	Chauffeur	Everett
	Elsa Wilhemina Taylor	27	Nurse	Everett
27	Henry Oziel Ballou	21	Machinist	Reading
	Mabelle Gertrude Stratton	20	Saleslady	Reading

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1926

Date	Names	Age	Occupation	Residence
27	Alvah Lowell Burrage	42	Engineer	Reading
	Christine Wendel	30	Nurse	Springfield
28	Lloyd Livingstone Hook	23	Manager	Reading
	Ruth Evelyn Poole	20	Stenographer	Winchester
Sept.				
2	Sidney White	27	Shoe Worker	Reading
	Natalie Burbine	21	Millhand	Malden
11	George Harry Sias	41	Estimator	Reading
	Mary Gladys Rounds	35	Bookkeeper	Billerica
13	William Stephen Deferrari	25	Clerk	Reading
	Marion Hodgdon Hurd	22	Tel. Operator	Everett
18	Albert Basse	22	Manager	Reading
	Madeline Rowe	20	Stenographer	Boston
22	Ernest Garcelon Babcock	30	Individual Broker	Reading
	Florence Bainbridge Fyfe	31	At Home	Reading
30	Leo Joseph Colford	23	Machine Operator	Reading
	Margaret Esther Murphy	22	At Home	Roxbury
Oct.				
2	Harlan F. Newton	31	Surgeon	Boston
	Barbara Walcott Hedges	26	At Home	Reading
9	Raymond Ward Blaisdell	28	Principal	Reading
	Doris Gertrude Vaughan	23	Teacher	Groveland
10	Martin Joseph Halloran	30	Bank Clerk	Reading
	Alice Gertrude Halpin	29	Cashier	Stoneham
11	Irving Nathaniel Chase	60	Wholesale Lumber Merc'nt	Melrose
	Charlotte Mary Sargent	51	At Home	Skowhegan, Maine
13	Joseph David Akins	22	Cook	Reading
	Elizabeth Rita MacLellan	19	Assembler	Reading
15	Jordan Hamilton Bacon	46	Fruit Grower	Reading
	Lillian Belle Sleep	36	At Home	Reading
17	Herman E. Brown	28	Salesman	Reading
	Grace M. Foley	23	Stenographer	Woburn
23	Donald Howard Morse	29	Salesman	Reading
	Muriel Richardson	24	At Home	Reading
30	Raymon S. Webster, Jr.	21	Clerk	Melrose
	Anna E. McKinnon	23	Stenographer	Reading
31	Louis Elize Surrette	29	Foreman	Medford
	Marie Virgine D'Entremont	27	Housework	Reading

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1926

Date	Names	Age	Occupation	Residence
Nov.				
6	Langdon F. Farwell	22	Student	Reading
	Gertrude Quimby	24	Secretary	Reading
10	Malcom Carter Eaton	29	Clerk	Wakefield
	Margaret Thomas	28	At Home	Reading
10	Michael F. McSheehy, Jr.	33	Meter Reader	Reading
	Mary Dudley O'Brien	33	Housework	Reading
14	Philip Wadsworth Benton	23	Chauffeur	Reading
	Frances Josephine O'Mare	31	Stenographer	Cambridge
15	Bartholomew Carney	23	Machine Operator	Reading
	Alice O'Brien	21	Bookkeeper	Woburn
20	George Thomas Rich	19	Electrician	Reading
	Hazel Marguerite Cloudman	17	At Home	Reading
27	Albert E. Nason	29	Accountant	Malden
	Hazel G. Smith	30	Chocolate Dipper	Somerville
29	Harry Scott Lane	19	Manufacturer	Reading
	Gladys Marguerite Newhouse	18	Clerk	Reading
Dec.				
2	Amos M. McLean	45	Lawyer	Reading
	Ethelinda Nason	39	Nurse	Reading
19	Arthur Cobbett	21	Mechanic	Woburn
	Clara May Doucette	18	Shoe Worker	Reading
22	Clarence Averd Winsby	25	Engineman	Reading
	Aurelia Griselda Fenlason	26	District Nurse	Reading

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1926

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
Oct. 1, 1925					
	Dante Marchetti	19	7	23	Accidental Burns
Jan.					
9	Nancy A. Perkins	61	6	14	Carcinoma
24	Emma M. Flint	58	5	11	Endocarditis
31	Fabyan M. Moulton	30	0	11	Tuberculosis
Feb.					
1	Mary E. Temple	79	7	17	Abdominal Growth
6	Evelyn Mary White	6	7	5	Pneumonia
9	Thomas Frederick Martin	80	7	19	Albumina
15	Elmer Stratton	0	5	17	Erysipelas
21	Charles I. Gray	37	—	—	Accidental Fall
23	Edward H. Crowe	51	1	21	Dilatation of Heart
24	Orissa J. Batchelder	69	9	17	Nephritis
27	Bridget Dunn	71	—	—	Apoplexy
March					
5	Ernest Morgan Holder	49	6	24	Uraemia
19	Iva Lou Dowbridge	39	11	15	Diabetes
21	Jennie H. Trevor	85	1	17	Myocarditis
27	George K. White	0	6	5	Pyelitis
28	Janet LeFave	1	8	—	Whooping Cough
28	Martha Smith	90	9	28	Ulcer of Leg
30	Anthony G. Shoulla	1	8	10	Meningitis
31	John Bacigalupo	67	—	—	Heart Disease
31	Harriet G. Hartshorn	86	5	2	Pneumonia
April					
2	Patrick Shaughnessy	72	—	—	Uraemia
3	Albert G. Goodwin	67	7	6	Myocarditis
4	Arthur Rourke	28	7	12	Accidental Burns
9	Grace S. Bancroft	42	7	10	Dilatation of Heart
12	William H. Jones	82	—	16	Endocarditis
12	William S. Kinsley	58	8	13	Nephritis
13	John E. Soule	63	—	—	Carcinoma
16	Emma B. Murphy	56	1	1	Carcinoma
19	James A. Crane	61	3	19	Endocarditis
20	John W. Rich	1	5	20	Meningitis

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1926

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
24	Edmond C. Ingalls	77	10	5	Carcinoma
28	George L. Flint	73	7	9	Pneumonia
29	Marie Vivada	—	18	—	Pneumonia
May					
3	Louise M. Smith	56	1	12	Dilatation of Heart
8	Alice Vincent	62	5	18	Carcinoma
14	Constance L. Laskey	30	3	6	Tuberculosis
19	Annie M. Temple	86	2	19	Myocarditis
21	William E. O'Brien	66	10	22	Angina Pectoris
22	Mary Maud Goodwin	60	0	19	Carcinoma
22	John J. Logan	0	11	9	Pertussis
23	Ralph Crosby Herrick	41	4	23	Brain Tumor
24	Frank L. Burke	30	3	4	Pneumonia
29	William H. Byers	75	10	4	Carcinoma
June					
4					
7	Orville O. Ordway	3	0	27	Pneumonia
8	Ruth Erickson	13	0	17	Automobile Accident
10	Charles I. Nesmith	68	11	27	Cirrhosis of Liver
10	Mary Belle Sleep	59	9	1	Carcinoma
11	William D. Conklin	63	4	19	Hemorrhage
11	Joseph C. Oxley	63	—	—	Gangrene of Foot
14					
15	James E. Doran	73	—	—	Heart Disease
15	John R. LeFave	1	2	26	Empyema
16	William Edward Whelpley	0	1	22	Whooping Cough
19	Alice J. McGrath	24	9	21	Shock
19					
24	Alexander Cyril Doucette	59	3	13	Diverticultitis
24	John Ryan	79	11	15	Cancer of Stomach
25					
July					
17	William J. Brown	63	3	19	Endocarditis
22	Elizabeth S. Cooper	90	6	23	Heat Prostration
22	Janet A. Farnham	68	—	—	Cancer of Bowels
26	Mary E. Carfrey	67	11	6	Nephritis
Aug.					
7	Daniel W. Higgins	73	2	20	Myocarditis
31	Willis K. Whipple	72	0	13	Angina Pectoris

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1926

Sept.					
3	Abraham Fenno	80	—	—	Myocarditis
6					
14	Leslie A. Smith	61	7	28	R. R. Accident
18	Ellen Theresa Lewis	90	10	24	Pneumonia
19	Evelyn L. Anderson	—	—	10	Meningitis
19	Mary L. Smith	55	4	15	Carcinoma
23	Clara L. Carter	65	9	13	Apoplexy
24	Julia S. MacDonald	83	3	5	Angina Pectoris
24	John S. Sias	77	2	5	Heart Disease
25	Karleen B. Howard	85	6	19	Pneumonia
29					
29	Lillian S. Perkins	47	4	16	Tumor
Oct.					
1	Lilla F. Blood	61	5	29	Intestinal Obstruction
1	Robert U. Patrick	59	6	10	Arthritis
4	Jeffrey Surette	58	—	—	Carcinoma
8	Robert J. Kent	0	6	10	Otitis
12	George Francis Cullett	50	9	11	Automobile Accident
13	Mandana F. Milliken	89	2	9	Pneumonia
14	Eleanor F. Hawes	87	3	12	Pneumonia
14	William D. Stanley	54	—	—	Cirrhosis of Liver
15	Louisa Hamilton	75	7	29	Angina Pectoris
17	William Henry Brown	74	—	—	Heart Disease
23	Lizzie D. Dewey	82	8	10	Myocarditis
24	Mary Frances Kennedy	61	—	—	Carcinoma
26	Helen E. Gilman	61	1	1	Carcinoma
28	Margaret Harrison Tanner	65	—	—	Carcinoma
29	Augusta E. Kingman	82	8	15	Myocarditis
Nov.					
6	Annette S. Williams	59	0	4	Carcinoma
12	Frankie H. Park	61	6	21	Pneumonia
24	Harriet N. Perry	71	0	9	Septicaemia
28	Emma Bernice Maloon	74	5	15	Pyemia
Dec.					
6	Augustine Shoulla	32	10	2	Tuberculosis
12	Stanley A. Smith	35	9	2	Nephritis
21	Eli Muse	44	5	1	Tuberculosis
22	Charles B. Harding	90	11	22	Arterio Sclerosis
24	Mary E. Edwards	53	4	18	Carcinoma
29	Phoebe O. Tenney	72	2	6	Hemorrhage

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Reading:

The annual report of the Board of Selectmen and the reports of the various departments under our jurisdiction are herewith submitted, all reports being rendered for the year ending December 31, 1926.

The first meeting of the Selectmen following the annual election was held March 5, 1926, and organization was as follows: Robert E. Parker, Chairman; Charles F. Trevor, Secretary.

Regular weekly meetings and six special meetings were held during the year.

Hearings have been held on fifteen applications for permits to store and to store and sell gasoline. In nine cases the establishment of a public filling station was contemplated; six of which petitions were refused.

Hearings have been held on two applications for permission to build buildings for business purposes of more than one story in height, and three hearings on applications for permission to occupy buildings for the storage of three or more automobiles; the petition in each case being granted.

A public hearing was held on application of Mason Bus Line for permission to make unlimited stops in Reading, which permit was subsequently refused.

The following permits to operate motor busses over specified routes were granted: Eastern Mass. Street Railway renewals, Reading-Stoneham, Reading-Wakefield, and Reading-Woburn routes and an original permit to the same company to operate between Reading depot and Mill Street; James Mason from Reading depot to North Reading line with prescribed stops.

The Selectmen's petition to the Legislature for authority for the appointment of a Board of Trustees of Trust Funds having been granted, the following were appointed: Philip H. Tirrell, chairman, to serve for two years; H. Raymond Johnson, to serve for four years; Clarence C. White, to serve for six years.

The necessary negotiations incident to taking of land for school purposes were satisfactorily completed early in the year.

Pursuant to votes of the Town, notice of sale of real estate taken for taxes was issued and certain parcels were sold to the highest bidders, the total receipts amounting to $2200.

Rules for the regulation of street traffic in the Town of Reading were adopted by the Board at the meeting of September 3.

A conference was held with a committee of citizens and representatives of the Boston & Maine Railroad relative to improvement of conditions

at the Reading depot, which would result in greater safety for the traveling public and assurance has been given that the matter will be studied and plans presented for such improvement.

As voted, at the town meeting, June 14, 1926, a Seagrave Suburbanite Combination Fire Truck was purchased, greatly increasing the efficiency of the fire department apparatus.

The fire alarm connection with Wakefield has been completed, as far as Reading is concerned, and will soon be tied up with the Wakefield alarm, giving added protection to both towns.

One of the problems confronting the Board is the increasing amount of motor traffic upon our streets and the demands for adequate police protection. To meet this need an additional patrolman was required and Francis L. Johnson was appointed.

The Board has arranged with the American Gas Accumulator Company to install in Reading Square, subject to the approval and acceptance by the Town, a modern traffic beacon with control; which we believe will give greater protection, both to motorists and pedestrians.

Fully appreciating the fact that economy in government should be consistently practiced, we have endeavored to present the budgets of Departments under our supervision with this in mind.

The financial statements are found in the Town Accountant Report.

In conclusion we express our appreciation for the continued co-operation of other officials with this Board.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. PARKER
CHARLES F. TREVOR
ELIAS B. CURRELL
Selectmen of Reading.

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The problems of the Board of Public Welfare are such that a detailed report is not possible. The report of the Visitor found below is submitted as the report of the Board.

We wish to commend our Visitor, Miss Helen A. Brown, for her faithful and untiring attention to the work with which she is entrusted.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. PARKER
CHARLES F. TREVOR
ELIAS B. CURRELL
Board of Public Welfare.

ANNUAL REPORT OF VISITOR

To the Board of Public Welfare:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1926.

The work of the Visitor has continued as in past years without material change. Living conditions have been somewhat better during the year. Several men who have formerly applied for aid were employed at the new school building, and the factories have not been wholly shut down. Part time work at the Rubber Shop has caused hardship for some, but the majority have managed to get along without aid. In almost every case the help given is only partial, every member of a family able to work, is expected to do so. The Visitor recorded 361 calls made on families, beside several trips to hospitals with patients needing medical aid.

All families receiving any help have been recorded in the Confidential Exchange in Boston. The purpose of this exchange is to acquaint the Visitor with all agencies who may formerly have had contact with each family. We would be glad to have all the organizations in town make use of this Confidential Exchange. It would be a help in many ways, especially in eliminating the duplication of aid which sometimes occurs when more than one individual or organization wish to help a family.

The number of families aided is approximately the same as last year, there being seven new families aided, and seven discontinued. Of these last, two were closed by removal from town, two by death, and three by becoming self-supporting after recovery from illness. Two of the new cases were applications for Mothers' Aid, two caused by illness, and three from lack of work. The whole number now receiving aid are 16 families, comprising 56 children, and seven single persons, boarded or receiving a small amount of cash aid.

Oct. 13, 14 and 15, the Visitor attended the meetings of the Mass. Conference of Social Work at Springfield. Each month she also attends the meetings of the Mass. Association of Relief Officers in Boston. These meetings are very helpful, as many social problems are discussed and the experience of social workers and Relief Officers from many cities and towns often help to solve our own problems.

We wish to extend thanks to the Social Service Committee of the Visiting Nurse Association for their work in sending out the baskets of Thanksgiving dinners provided by the school children. Thanks are also extended to the various organizations who gave Christmas dinners, and to the Rotary Club for the interest they have taken through the year in giving pleasure to the children, by having several parties for them, under the leadership of the Visiting Nurse, who has done so much to help build up the health of the children, beside giving them a great deal of pleasure. The School Nurse and members of the Tuberculosis Committee have always

co-operated and have given a great deal of time and assistance as in past years. More than a hundred children were remembered at their homes at Christmas by the generosity of many kind friends and several organizations.

The Visitor is grateful to the members of the Board and to the Clerk, Mr. Bent, for their continued interest and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN A. BROWN, Visitor.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit the annual report of the Police Dept. of the Town of Reading for the year ending December 31, 1926:

Arrests for the Year 1926

Total number of arrests for the year 1926—143.

Males, 141; females, 2; residents, 59; non-residents, 89; American born, 117; foreign born, 25; adults, 125; minors, 27.

Cause of Arrests

Drunkenness, 49; delinquent, 2; damage to property, 4; violating auto law, 32; non-support, 4; insane, 2; runaway children, 6; capais, 3; tramps, 3, larceny, 5; driving under influence of liquor, 14; illegal transportation, 2; warrant served for out of town officers, 4; escaped from institution, 1; assault and battery, 1; manslaughter, 1; keeping and exposing liquor, 4; manufacture of liquor, 1; violating traffic rules, 1; evading car fare 1; indecent exposure, 1.

Disposition of Cases in Court

Fined, 46; released, 16; on file, 40; Shirley School, 2; State Hospital, Danvers, 2; State Hospital, Tewksbury, 4; turned over to Children's Aid Society, 4; discharge, 12; House of Correction, suspended, 6; appealed, 2; turned over to parents, 3; delinquent children, 1; turned over to out of town officers, 6.

Amount of Fines Imposed by Court

Eleven at $5.00 each, $55.00; 11 at $10.00 each, $110.00; three at $20.00 each, $60.00; six at $25.00 each, $150.00; ten at $50.00 each, $500.00; seven at $75.00 each, $525.00; one at $100.00 each, $100.00; total $1500.00.

Miscellaneous

Auto accidents, 176; cases investigated, 152; buildings found open and secured, 106; summons served for out of town officers, 51; guarding pay

rolls, 81; guarding mail, 41; children lost and returned to parents, 30; lights reported out, 29; dogs killed by officers, 25; dogs killed by autos, 18; search warrants served, 11; children found abandoned, 1; defective sidewalks and streets reported, 8; fire discovered by police, 1; lanterns put in dangerous places, 15; dead bodies taken care of, 3; amount of property reported stolen, $3571.00; amount of property recovered, $2550.00; amount of property recovered for out of town officers, $5296.60; stolen autos reported by out of town officers, 90.

You will see by this report that the number of auto accidents is increasing. We made 17 runs to the Winchester Hospital, two to the Melrose Hospital, two to the Mass. General Hospital and 30 runs to local physicians.

Conclusion

At this time I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, the Judges and Officers of our District Court, our local press, and all others who have assisting in promoting the welfare of this department, also all members of the force for what they have done to make our town safe and sane.

Respectfully yours,

JEREMIAH CULLINANE, Chief of Police.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—The annual report of the Fire Department is herewith submitted giving the record of fires that have occurred during the year ending December 31st, together with such information as I think may be of interest to the Town.

Finances

My financial transactions are all embodied in the report of the Town Accountant, to which I would respectfully refer you for any information you may desire in that line.

Manual Force

The Department consists of eight permanent men (including the Chief), and twenty-two call men. The permanent force is divided into two platoons, three men on one shift and four on the other.

On February 23rd the Department lost a kind, willing and hard-working fireman in Captain Edward H. Crowe. He was very well liked by all the members of this department and highly respected by the men under his command. He joined the department in 1892, and was made Captain of Ladder Company 1 in 1897, a position he held until his death.

IN MEMORIAM

Captain Edward H. Crowe

Apparatus and Equipment

The Department has five pieces of motor apparatus, four of which are at the Central Fire Station, as follows: One Knox triple combination of 600 gallons per minute capacity which was purchased in 1913; one Robinson combination service ladder truck in which we have installed a White motor. This machine was purchased in 1916; one Simplex single tank combination which was built by the permanent force and placed in service in 1923; and one Seagrave "Suburbanite" which was purchased this year and placed in service in place of a double tank Robinson Combination which was taken from service on May 12, 1926, because the motor was broken beyond repair. At Hose 2 Station on Woburn Street there is a Ford hose truck. All the machines are in good working order.

Fire Prevention

I have issued 486 permits for fires out of doors, 18 permits for the installation of oil-burning equipment, 6 permits for the sale of fireworks, and 5 permits for the transportation of explosives.

There are now 138 fuel oil burners in use in this town, most of which are of an approved type and have the necessary safety attachments on them, but there are still a few which are not so equipped and constitute a fire hazard.

Record of Alarms

This has been the busiest year in the history of the department. We have answered 328 alarms. On April 3rd Mr. Arthur A. Rourke was badly burned in his home at 12 Willow Street. He was sent to the Winchester Hospital, where he died the next day.

The record of alarms by months is as follows: January, 12; February, 14; March, 11; April, 67; May, 50; June, 10; July, 51; August, 4; September, 13; October, 48; November, 38; December, 10; total, 328.

Number of miles travelled, 1145.7; number of feet of 2½ inch hose laid, 17,050; number of feet of 1½ inch hose laid, 12,500; number of feet of chemical hose used, 4100; number of feet of ladders raised, 1026; number of gallons of chemical used, 1251; number of gallons of gasoline used, 580; number of gallons of oil used, 56; value of property in danger, $156,979.00; insurance thereon, $120,475.00; loss thereto, $18,306.16; insurance paid thereon, $15,675.74; uninsured loss, $2,630.42.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I wish to extend to your Honorable Board, to the Town Accountant, Treasurer and the Finance Committee, my thanks for the courtesies and co-operation I have received during the year. I wish to compliment the officers and members of the department on the prompt and efficient manner in which they have performed their duties. I also wish to express my thanks to Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company

for the use of current, to the Chief of Police for the services rendered by his department at fires and to the employees of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for the prompt and efficient service rendered in receiving alarms by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

O. O. ORDWAY, Chief Fire Department.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

To the Board of Fire Engineers:

Gentlemen:—The following is the report of the Superintendent of Fire Alarm for the year ending December 31st, 1926.

Three new boxes have been purchased to be located as follows:

312—Lowell and Dustin Streets.

54—Ash and Cross Streets.

614—Auburn and Park Streets.

The line material has been purchased and these boxes will be installed as soon as overhead construction can be completed.

One new Shunt type master box has been installed on the new Junior High School on Temple Street. With this type box the sounding of the fire bells in the building also pulls the fire alarm box and calls the fire department. This type box should be installed on all of our school buildings.

As recommended last year, lines have been run from the Central Fire Station to the Wakefield line on Salem Street. This, when completed, will establish a form of mutual aid between the two towns which will be a great help in case of a large fire or two fires at the same time, which has happened several times.

One ten-inch gong has been added to the system and one six-inch tapper discontinued.

The storage battery elements have been renewed.

Overhead lines have been rebuilt as follows: Parker Street, Haven Street from Parker to John, John Street from Haven to Salem, and Salem Street from John Street to the Wakefield line.

I recommend that new boxes be installed at Berkeley and Fremont Streets, Longview Road, Prescott Street and Sunnyside Avenue, and on Green Street, between Ash and High Streets.

READING FIRE ALARM

Central Fire Station Telephone, Reading 0430

112 Woburn and Sanborn.
113 Woburn and Bancroft Ave.
114 Mt. Vernon, Chute and School.
115 Woburn and High.
12 Central Fire Station.
121 Main and Haven.
122 Haven and Gould.
13 Ash and Avon.
14 Oak and Hill Crest Rd.
141 Howard and Hill Crest Rd.
15 Walnut and Summer Ave.
16 So. Main and South.
17 Prescott near Arlington.
18 Minot and Park Ave.
19 Walnut and Curtis.
21 Temple and Summer Ave.
212 West and Howard.
213 Pratt St. and Fairview Rd.
221 Union St. School (Private).
223 Center School.
224 High School (Private).
225 Highland School (Private).
226 Lowell Street School.
227 Prospect St. School.
228 Chestnut Hill School.
23 Woburn and Temple.
231 West beyond Willow.
232 Junior High School, Temple St.
24 Mineral and Hancock.
242 Summer Ave. and Woodbine.
25 Prospect near King.
26 Hose 2 house, Woburn St.
27 Summer Ave. and Prescott.
28 West and County Rd.
29 West and King.
31 Lowell and Grove.
312 Lowell and Dustin.
32 Franklin near Grove.
33 Lowell, Grand and Gould Ave.
34 Grove and Forest.
35 No. Main and Locust.
36 No. Main and Ridge Rd.
37 No. Main front of 409.
38 No. Main and Forest.

381 Forest near Colburn Rd.
39 Main and Franklin.
392 Main and Mill.
41 Village and Green.
412 Boston Stove Fdy.. Village St.
414 Green and Beech.
42 Haven and John.
422 Eaton and Pleasant.
43 Salem and John.
44 Salem and Pearl.
442 Orange and Pierce.
45 Salem and Belmont.
452 Salem and Libby Ave.
46 Charles and Pearl.
47 Charles and Haverhill.
48 Bay State Rd. near Salem.
51 Washington, Main and Ash.
53 Main north of Cross.
54 Ash and Cross.
55 Reading Rubber Mills.
6 C. H. Bangs Co., Prescott (Private).
61 Lowell near Sanborn.
611 Home for Aged Women, Linden (Private).
612 Locust and Bancroft Ave.
614 Auburn and Park.
62 Spare box.
63 Hanscom Ave. north Weston Road.
642 Vine and Vale Rd.
65 Bancroft and Middlesex Aves.
67 Middlesex Ave. and High.
8 Out of Town.
82 State Sanatorium, No. Reading.

Special Signals

2 Recall.
2 Test—7:45 a. m. and 5:45 p. m.
3 and a box number, Second Alarm.
3 followed in one minute by 3, Boy Scout Call.
4 Police Call.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH L. EAMES, Supt. of Fire Alarm.

REPORT OF FOREST WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—The annual report of the Forest Warden is herewith submitted for the year ending December 31, 1926.

The financial transactions of this department are embodied in the report of the Town Accountant, to which I refer you for any information along this line.

The following deputies were appointed by me and approved by the State Forest Warden: Henry M. Donegan, 11 Federal St., Hugh L. Eames and John J. O'Brien, Central Fire Station.

Combination C is now used for all grass and brush fires. This machine is equipped with 1200 ft. of 1½-inch hose as well as brooms and 2½ gallon extinguishers.

During the dry season this year we had several brush fires which burnt over large arears and made it necessary to lay 12,500 feet of 1½-inch hose. Most of these fires were the result of careless smokers, but a few of them showed evidence of being set. I have investigated all fires and sent reports to the State Forest Warden. I have issued 176 permits for fires out of doors. I have received 146 calls for grass and brush fires. I have received 38 calls for brush fires from the look-out towers.

In conclusion I wish to thank all those who have in any way assisted this department during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

O. O. ORDWAY, Forest Warden.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The work in the Tree Warden Department for the past year has consisted of the usual trimming, repairing and planting of trees on the roadside.

I also have a nursery planted of 3000 seedlings at the town farm. This nursery will be used to furnish trees for roadside planting, as soon as they grow to a suitable size. On account of a ruling by the State Forester's office, I will be obliged the coming year to charge all work done on private property other than gypsy and brown-tail moth to the Tree Warden Department and for that reason I have recommended that $500.00 of the regular Moth Department Budget be transferred to the Tree Warden Department Budget, to finance the work on private property.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. DONEGAN, Tree Warden.

REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen: I herewith submit my fifth annual report as Custodian of Veterans' Graves.

One man has been employed a part of each working day from May 4 until November 25 to work exclusively on Veterans' lots.

All of the time that could be spared from grass cutting was devoted to the care of sunken graves and the latter part of the season to raking leaves and cleaning up the lots.

Following is a statement of the cost of the work done during the season.

Appropriation		$500.00
Fred Marr, pay roll	$475.74	
Loam, sod, dressing and seeds	24.26	
		$500.00

I would recommend the same appropriation for 1927.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. GOODWIN, Custodian.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF BUILDING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1926.

The building construction for the past year was as follows:

64 New one-family dwellings and one two-family dwelling at an approximate cost of	$396,000.00
29 Alerations and additions to dwellings at an approximate cost of	40,885.00

New Junior High School

26 New one-car garages.
24 New two-car garages.
3 New garages for three cars and over.
7 Alterations and additions to garages.

1 Alteration to church.
5 New greenhouses.
1 New building containing several stores.
2 New road-side stands.
4 Alterations and additions to stores.
6 New poultry houses.
1 Temporary office.
1 Storage building.
6 Alterations and additions to various buildings.

The above buildings were built at an approximate cost of 498,480.00

The total cost of all new and remodelled buildings the past year amounts to approximately $935,365.00

Respectfully submitted,

A. RUSSELL BARNES,
Inspector of Building.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Board of Selectmen:
Town of Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen:—The following is my report of the work completed for the year 1926 by the Department of Weights and Measures. It consisted of the inspection, testing, sealing or condemning of all scales, weights and measures used in the town. The following figures hereto attached will acquaint you with the number of scales tested and sealed or condemned.

By a comparison with the year 1925 you will see that there has been a substantial increase in the number of scales, weights and measures. This of course is due to the opening of several new stores and the installation of new gasoline stations.

In addition to the testing of all scales and measures, the various stores have been visited at irregular intervals and the different commodities as put up in packages for sale to the public have been reweighed to assure proper weight.

The gasoline pumps are a very important factor in the work of this department. At the present time there are fifty pumps in the town.

Trial weighings and measurements of commodities sold or put up for sale: Bread, 14; butter, 12; dry commodities, 50; flour, 20; fruits and vegetables, 30; grain and feed, 10; ice, 6; meats and provisions, 26; gasoline and oil, 132; total, 300.

Inspections made: pedlers' licenses, 2; labels on bread, 14; pedlers' scales, 3; ice scales, 5; junk scales, 1; other inspections, 13; re-tests of gasoline devices after sealing, 6; clinical thermometers, 2; total 46.

Sealed: 1, Scales, 151; 2, weights, 273; 3, volumetric measures, 41; 4, automatic liquid measuring devices, 206; 5, linear measures, 4; total, 675.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL M. SMITH,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Board of Selectmen:

Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen:—I wish at this time to submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year of 1926.

Early in the year, word was received that I should make a tour of inspection of all cattle, sheep and swine kept within the town limits, and also of the premises where the same were kept.

The instructions were carried out and a report rendered as directed.

All cases of suspicious contagious disease were quarantined and destroyed and thereafter the premises were properly disinfected before replacements were made.

Approximately 230 head of cattle, 100 head of swine, and two goats were examined. All live stock appeared to be in good condition and the premises well kept up. Any suggestions made for betterment of conditions were kindly received and carried out satisfactorily.

Rabies made its appearance on several occasions, necessitating constant watchfulness on the part of dog owners and prompt report of suspicious cases.

Repectfully submitted,

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.,
Inspector of Animals, 1926.

REPORT OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the following.

An appropriation of $200.00 was made at the annual meeting in support of the Middlesex County Extension Service, through the County Board of Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture. The following is an account of the work done by this organization in Reading for the year 1926.

The outstanding agricultural work in the town this year has been the assistance given the poultrymen in the organization of the Metropolitan Reading Poultry Association, having a membership of thirty-six. Four very successful meetings were held, and outside speakers presented to discuss poultry problems. This organization is carrying on grading, stamping and marketing activities as a means of developing a supply of quality eggs for the local market.

Farmers interested in orcharding have been helped largely through farm visits whenever requested. A total of seventeen visits have been made to those requesting individual farm service.

In homemaking the women have taken a very active interest in the projects developed, and the largest clothing group in the county met in this town. Mrs. Rolland Perry and Mrs. B. Inez Sias have been very active as clothing leaders and assisted in the development of this work. Two millinery meetings were held during the year and were well attended. A series of meetings on food selection was conducted, the purpose being to help the homemakers in the selection and preparation of food in order that the general health of the family might be improved.

In the boys' and girls' 4-H club activities work was carried on in food, clothing, poultry, gardening, and canning clubs, and in the room beautiful contest. One hundred forty-one boys and girls were enrolled under the local leadership of Mrs. Ida C. Lucas and Mrs. Rolland Perry. Gladys Burns and Emma Nichols won first and second prizes in a county-wide room-beautiful contest. Clinton Newell was awarded a two-day trip to the Massachusetts Agricultural College for outstanding club work. An achievement club program was put on in the spring, at which time the boys and girls told about and demonstrated the work they had accomplished during the year. Assistance was given the Reading Grange in the judging of the boys' and girls' work. Club members in this town were in competition with 3,960 boys and girls of Middlesex County.

In addition to local meetings held, several county-wide meetings were conducted, such as the county picnic at the Market Garden Field Station, the annual meeting of the Extension Service at Waltham, and sectional meetings of fruit growers and poultrymen. These were attended by many Reading people.

ROLLAND L. PERRY, Director.

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

The Law Committee of the Town of Reading:

Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen:—Since my appointment as Town Counsel in March, 1926, I have performed the customary duties which pertain to that office; including the usual attendance at hearings, consultations with town officers and boards, the giving of advice and opinions, and the drafting of votes and correspondence; including, also, professional services in connection with the following matters:

1. The disposal, by settlement for the total sum of $18,895.00, of the suits of Solomon Davis, Ruth A. Lumsden and Charles P. Howard, for damages for the taking of their land for school purposes; including the preparation of the necessary votes, releases, and agreements.

2. The disposal, by settlement for the total sum of $1,000, of the suits of Emma L. Chamberlain and Fred F. Smith, for damages for the taking of a right of way over their land for sewer purposes, and for damages claimed to have flowed from the construction work done pursuant to such taking; including the preparation of the necessary votes, releases, and agreements.

3. The disposal, by settlement for $50, of claim of Mrs. Sarah Haag for personal injuries due to defect in sidewalk.

The foregoing settlements were made after full discussion, and under the authority of votes of your committee.

4. Drafting of standard form of contract and specifications, for use of the Board of Public Works in letting contracts for the laying of water pipes.

5. Drafting, under instruction of the Board of Selectmen, a code of rules for the regulation of street traffic.

6. Drafting, and attending to the execution of, a contract between the town by the Municipal Light Board and the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for the purchase of electric current.

7. Drafting, for use of the School Committee, contract for transportation of pupils during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

MELVILLE FULLER WESTON, Town Counsel.

REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Citizens of Reading:

We herewith submit our report on work under our jurisdiction during the year 1926:

Valuation of Taxable Real Estate:	
Buildings, excluding land	$ 8,739,880.00
Land, excluding buildings	3,608,185.00
Total Taxable Real Estate	$12,348,065.00
Taxable Personal Estate	1,459,008.00
Total Taxable Real and Personal Estate assessed April 1, 1926	$13,807,073.00
Building increase over 1925	591,230.00
Land increase over 1925	7,530.00
Total increase on taxable real estate	$ 598,760.00
Personal decrease over 1925	75,672.00
Total gain taxable property over 1925	$ 523,088.00
Tax on Real Estate	$ 419.834.21
Tax on Personal Estate	49,606.14
Tax on Polls	5,434.00
Tax on Real Estate for Moth Work	997.80
Tax on Real Estate for Sidewalk	86.16
Tax on Real Estate for Sewer	3,083.75
Total Tax April 1, 1926	$ 479,042.06
Taxable Personal Estate assessed Dec., 1926	$ 8,910.00
Taxable Real Estate assessed Dec., 1926	3,575.00
Additional Polls	40.00
Tax assessed as supplementary on Real Estate December, 1926	302.94
Tax assessed as supplementary on Personal Estate, December, 1926	121.55
Total Taxable Personal Estate, 1926	1,467,918.00
Total Taxable Real Estate, 1926	12,351,640.00
Total Taxable Real and Personal, 1926	$13,819,558.00
State Tax, 1926	$ 21,600.00
State Highway Tax, 1926	3,923.00
County Tax, 1926	17,523.60
County Tax, T. B., Rutland	330.77

Metropolitan Sewerage Tax, 1926		11,829.64
Municipal Lighting Tax		50.74
Fire Prevention Tax, 1926		113.34
Total State and County Tax, 1926		$ 55,371.09
Total State and County Tax, 1925		53,280.44
Increase over 1925		$ 2,090.65
Amount appropriated for Town Purposes		508,372.56
Amount to be paid for State Taxes		55,371.09
Amount of Overlay		2,960.34
Total assessments, 1926		$ 566,703.99
Estimated receipts	$80,000.00	
Less 2717 Polls	5,434.00	
Sewer Tax	11,829.64	97,263.64
Amount to be raised		$ 469,440.35

Tax Rate for 1926, $34.00 per M.

Number of persons assessed on property April, 1926	3372
Number assessed for poll only	1008
Number assessed in December	11
Number additional polls	20
Total assessed on property, 1926	3383
Total assessed on polls only, 1926	1028
Total number separate assessments, 1926	4411
Polls assessed in 1926	2737
Polls assessed in 1925	2693
Increase in polls	244
Number of horses	125
Number of cows	241
Number of neat cattle	38
Number of swine	79
Number of fowl	14,815
Number of dwellings	2138
Number acres of land	5770
Value of Town property	$998,535.00
Value of property exempt	534,955.00
Total non-taxable property	$1,533,490.00
Total taxable property	13,819,558.00
Total valuation 1926	$15,353,048.00

Assessors' Report on the Survey of Land Under the Block System

We have now completed 62 plans which contain 3080 separate lots.

Balance from 1925	$ 5.50
Appropriated 1926	250.00
	$255.50

Expended

Davis & Abbott, correcting plans	$ 36.00	
Davis & Abbott, two new plans	219.50	
		$255.50

We would advise that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated for the coming year that the work of the Block System be continued.

GEORGE E. HORROCKS
J. FRED RICHARDSON
ALVAH W. CLARK
Board of Assessors.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

There were sixty-three (63) contagious cases reported during the year 1926.

Scarlet Fever	14
Diphtheria	2
Chicken Pox	6
Mumps	5
Measles	29
Spinal Meningitis	2
Tuberculosis	5
	63
Number of deaths	73
Male	34
Female	39
4 were over	90 years of age
11 were between	80 and 90 years
14 were between	70 and 80 years
16 were between	60 and 70 years

11 were between.....50 and 60 years
2 were between.....40 and 50 years
5 were between.....30 and 40 years
5 were between..... 1 and 10 years
3 were under .....1 year
2 were still births.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. HALLIGAN, M.D.
C. H. PLAYDON
C. F. ATKINSON
Board of Health.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen:—I submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1926.

Number of permits granted		116
Number of fixtures installed		548
Bath tubs	79	
Closets	142	
Lavatories	118	
Sinks	100	
Wash trays	83	
Urinals	13	
Shower Baths	7	
Drinking Fountains	6	
	—	548

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID TAGGART, Inspector of Plumbing.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

The report appended of Superintendent of Cemeteries Alfred E. Goodwin covering in detail the work of the department, and approved by the Trustees, leaves nothing additional necessary to be said.

The terms of Secretary Philip H. Tirrell and Chester P. Eeles expire, and their associates are pleased to state they will be candidates for re-election.

Most respectfully,

GALEN A. PARKER, Chairman
PHILIP H. TIRRELL, Secretary
FRANK L. EDGERLEY
WILLIE E. TWOMBLY
CLARENCE C. WHITE
CHESTER P. EELES
Trustees of Cemeteries.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Trustees of Cemeteries,
Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen: Complying with your request, I herewith submit a report of the work done in Forest Glen Cemetery during the past year, together with an estimate of the cost of work that should be done in 1927.

The section that contains seventy-one eight-grave and sixty-two four-grave lots has been graded and covered roughly with one foot of loam.

Although the lot corner-markers have not been set, lots could be sold at very short notice if it were necessary.

The wall has been completed with the exception of a cap or covering of some sort to protect it from the weather.

A macadam avenue has been constructed from the main entrance on Pearl St. to the Forest St. entrance. This affords us a great deal of satisfaction as it has a rock foundation five feet deep and will doubtless last for many years without any maintenance cost. It will be free from the growth of weeds which adds to the cost of up-keep. Automobiles can drive through the cemetery at all times without being stuck in mud, which is a common occurrence in many cemeteries.

As far as the surface is concerned, all that remains to be done to finish this section is to put the finish grade on the lots, roll and seed them, cap the wall and set out trees, shrubs and vines.

Unfortunately, we still have the drainage problem to contend with, which is not a surface proposition, as the land has to be drained at least five feet below the surface to prevent wet graves. I think all will agree, that this should be prevented if possible. It was thought that the 1926 appropriation would be ample to finish all construction work for some years to come, but the drainage problem proved to be more serious than was anticipated.

In my last year's report I stated that there is a narrow ledge which forms a natural barrier or dam that prevents the sub-drainage of water below the surface in the dug-over area to be used for burial purposes. This should be blasted before lots are sold.

After considerable deliberation on the part of the Trustees and Mr. Henry S. Adams of Forest Hills Cemetery, the consulting engineer, it was decided that blasting the ledge as planned, would only afford temporary relief, but that extending the avenue through some of the undeveloped land and excavating it to the proper depth, would drain all the cemetery land and provide us with a quantity of filling material of which we were in need. It would also give us a place to dump the rock from the next section when developed. This was done and will prove of great benefit to the cemetery in future years.

A steam shovel had to be hired for this work. Since we shall not have any work that will warrant our having one again for several years, it seemed advisable to excavate the northwest corner of the cemetery at the Forest St. entrance and use the gravel for filling. This was done and it gives us an additional dug-over area that, when filled and graded, will make more than $5000.00 worth of new lots.

These lots will not be needed for a number of years, and in the meantime will provide a convenient dumping place for the surplus earth from graves, both from Laurel Hill and Forest Glen, eventually being filled and ready for loam at no extra expense to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED E. GOODWIN, Superintendent.

FOREST GLEN CEMETERY

1926

Appropriation		$6,800.00
Expended		
Wall:		
Teaming	$ 325.60	
Labor	814.50	
Lime, cement, etc.	131.24	
		$1,271.34

Avenue:		
Highway Dept., labor	$ 289.65	
General Crushed Stone Co.	367.48	
Barrett Co.	260.00	
		$ 917.13
Excavating and grading:		
Steam shovel	$ 810.19	
Labor	1,765.93	
Teaming	976.81	
Loam	251.66	
Dressing	188.00	
Lumber	61.89	
Tools and express	37.09	
Seed	9.51	
		$4,101.83
Water pipe (laid)	$ 126.00	
Engineering	330.25	
		$ 456.25
Unexpended balance		53.45
		$6,800.00

Appropriation Recommended for 1927

Cement cap for wall	$ 600.00	
Grading, rolling and seeding	384.00	
Seed	96.00	
Blasting ledge	800.00	
Lot corner-markers (348 @ .30)	104.40	
Labor setting markers	48.00	
Trees, shrubs and vines	100.00	
Labor setting out	48.00	
Grass cutting (June-September)	80.00	
Supt.'s salary and overhead (20%)	544.00	
Contingencies	195.60	
		$3,000.00

LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

Trustees of Cemeteries,
Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my sixth annual report as Superintendent of Laurel Hill Cemetery.

In addition to the regular maintenance work, twenty-six new lots and sixteen single graves have been graded and seeded and are now ready for sale.

Of the land purchased from the Dexter Clapp estate in 1924, 4900 square feet has been dug over with a steam shovel, the boulders and rocks removed, and such gravel as was fit for road material, used to repair the avenues in the cemetery. This gravel can be replaced with waste material that would otherwise be hauled away, and the land be made ready for loam before it is needed for lots.

The avenues have been resurfaced and with few exceptions are in good condition.

I would recommend that all money that can be spared from regular maintenance work be expended to replace the fence at the north side of the cemetery during the year 1927.

Following is a financial statement, a more detailed report of which will appear in the Town Accountant's report.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED E. GOODWIN, Superintendent.

Appropriation, March, 1926	$8,300.00	
Transferred from Bequest Fund	1,445.24	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	2,666.36	
		$12,411.60
Expended		
Charged to Bequest Fund	$1,445.24	
Charged to Reserve Fund	2,666.36	
Charged to Mainteance	5,442.59	
Charged to Annual Care	2,857.41	
		$12,411.60
Receipts		
For Annual Care	$1604.67	
For Opening Graves	899.00	
	$2,503.67	
Outstanding bills, Dec. 31, 1926	387.12	
		$ 2,890.79
Cemetery Reserve Fund		
Balance January 1, 1926	$1,651.07	
Sale of Lots and Graves	1,680.00	
	$3,331.07	
Transferred to General Fund	2,666.36	
Balance in Fund Dec. 31, 1926		$ 664.71

REPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Trustees of the Public Library submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1926:

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

The Board organized for the year by the election of Mr. Mansfield, Chairman, and Miss Bancroft as Secretary. Standing committees were appointed as follows:

On Accounts: Messrs. Mansfield, Doughty and Morton.
On books: Mr. Mansfield, Miss Bancroft and Mrs. Lucas.
On Buildings and Grounds: Messrs. Keneely, Morton and Doughty.
On Work with Children: Miss Bancroft, Mrs. Lucas and Mr. Keneely.

EXPENSES OF THE LIBRARY

Following is a condensed financial statement:

Appropriation, direct tax, 1926:	
Salaries	$ 3,400.00
Maintenance	3,250.00
	$ 6,650.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	200.00
Total	$ 6,850.00
Expended	
Salaries: Librarian, Assistants and Janitor	$ 3,458.58
Books and periodicals, including rebinding	2,001.87
Printing, stationery, etc.	104.42
Fuel, light, water, sewerage	284.32
Repairs and Furnishings	866.54
Miscellaneous	85.16
	$ 6,800.89
Balance unexpended:	
On Salaries	0.00
On Maintenance	49.11
	$6,850.00

On October 16th a portion of the ceiling in the Children's Room fell without warning. The room was at once closed. After consultation with experts it was decided to repair and protect the entire ceiling before re-opening the room. The work was considered to be in the emergency class,

and on request the Town Finance Committee authorized the transfer of Two Hundred Dollars from the Reserve Fund toward the cost of repairs. The cost was about $225.00.

Receipts

Fines collected (for over-detention of books)			$ 302.25
Waste paper sold			1.85
On hand December 31, 1925			8.57
			$ 312.67
Paid to Town Treasurer			$ 298.00
Balance on hand December 31, 1926			$ 14.67

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Volumes in the Library December 31, 1925			13,170
Volumes bought including replacements:			
Adult Fiction	349		
Adult Non-Fiction	239		
		588	
Juvenile Fiction	272		
Juvenile Non-Fiction	86		
		358	
Reference		2	
Received by gift		152	
			1100
			14,270
Withdrawn during year			390
Total number December 31, 1926			13,880
The net gain for the year			710

Referring to the books withdrawn, the Librarian reports:

"Of the number withdrawn 269 were discarded because worn out by use, four burned on account of contageous disease, and 117 were lost. Of the books lost, 57 books were discovered to be missing when we moved the children's books downstairs and cover a gradual loss for several years, 5 were lost from the school deposits and the majority of the rest simply disappeared though a few were charged to borrowers who were sure they had returned them. This is a much larger number lost than in previous years but is no more than other libraries are losing.

It is one of the unavoidable consequences of the open shelf system, and the more people using the library the larger the loss. It is not confined to children's books as a book on "Bridge Whist" lost two years ago, was recently found among the biography. It was on a shelf we often go to so could not have been there long. It had been taken without being charged and returned in the same informal way it had been borrowed."

USE OF THE LIBRARY

Volumes borrowed for home use		50,216
Increase over previous year		3,696
Largest monthly circulation, March		5,035
Smallest monthly circulation, September		3,720
Number of new borrowers registered:		
Adult	368	
Juvenile	175	
		543
Number of days on which Library was open during the year		290
Average daily circulation, home use		173
Books deposited in Schools		353
Borrowed through inter-library loan:		
From Boston Public Library		2
From Somerville Public Library		2

The following table shows the growth and expenses of the Library in the eight and one-half years in the present building:

Year	Population April 1	Volumes Borrowed Home Use	No. of Days Lib. Open	Vol. in Library	Expended
1918 (Opened 7-13)		28,723		9,736	$3,294.52
1919		32,623		10,265	2,953.59
1920	7,430	34,048		10,601	3,181.61
1921		39,236		11,042	3,763.33
1922		40,899	248	11,521	3,797.84
1923		41,607	251	11,890	5,042.36
1924		42,954	255	12,441	4,953.29
1925	8,693	46,520	252	13,170	5,528.94
1926		50,216	290	13,880	6,800.89

For 1926, 13.5 cents per book circulated spent by the Library department. The average cost per book circulated for the last five years is 11.7 cents. Based on a population of 9,000 the Library department spent 75 cents for each resident of Reading for the maintenance of Library privileges in 1926. We hope that you believe that the Library is worth 75 cents to you as a credit to your Town.

In the report to the Trustees the Librarian further remarks:

"The Division of Public Libraries for Massachusetts has sent us a 'measuring stick for small libraries' that a library may see if they are keeping up with the average in their work. The first item is

'Income per capita $1.00 (minimum).'

Reading's population in 1925 was 8693; the 1926 appropriation was $6650.00.

'Circualtion per capita—5'.

Ours was 5,7.

'Hours of opening. Extend library hours to accommodate schools.'

We added Friday afternoons last spring, so are open every afternoon.

'Indicate hours of opening on the outside of the building.'

I hope some day there will be a sign down near the sidewalk to indicate which building is the Library and when it is open. People often come to the Library hunting the water or light department.

'Co-operation with school deposits.'

We have deposits in our schools as noted above.

'State certificate reading.'

We awarded 156 five book certificates and 28 honor certificates in 1926.

'Reserve books on assigned topics.'

We are constantly doing this for limited periods besides keeping on special shelves throughout the school year the books on the required reading lists of the High School students.

'Library extension register 40% of your population.'

During the past five years we have registered 42%. Each borrower's card is cancelled at the end of five years of renewed if still in active use.

'Librarian's professional opportunities—attend a library meeting or an institute and visit an up-to-date library at least once in two years.'

The Librarian and Assistant Librarian both attended an all-day meeting of the Massachusetts Library Club in January, 1926. The Assistant Librarian attended an an institute for small libraries in Fitchburg, May 4-7, and the Librarian attended the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Library Club in Plymouth, June 25-26, 1926.

In May the Librarian gave a brief talk on the library and its work with children, before the Mothers' Council at the Unitarian Church parlor, and in December a talk on children's books for Christmas presents, before the Parent-Teachers' Association of the Lowell Street School.

The following exhibits have been placed in the exhibition case by the Art Committee of the Woman's Club and the Librarian:

February—Hand-painted paper dolls showing costumes of 1840.

March—Miniatures by Sarah Goodridge.

April—Old manuscripts and church book belonging to the Library.

May—Originals of illustrations by Alice B. Preston in Sandwell-Valley of color days.

June—State honor certificates won by Highland School pupils.

August—Old Books—from library collection.

October—Colored Tissot illustrations of Old Testament.

December—Pictures of Madonnas.

The outstanding event of the year was the opening of the new children's room September 30th. The additional shelf-room this made on the main floor has made it possible to group the books more conveniently. The attempt is being made to have the High School pupils use one reading room where the fiction and their required reading collection and reference books are placed. The other reading room formerly used by the children

now has only non-fiction and teachers' collection on its shelves and is a somewhat quieter place for those over High School age to read in. Having the younger children in their separate room has been a great help in discipline. The High School scholars will always tend to make the library a social center and meeting place and are not inclined to be over-quiet, but they are the ones who are really using the library for reference and study more than any other group in town.

As it is generally found that the circulation of books and reference use of a library is greatly influenced by the amount of money the library has to spend on books, magazines, and efficient service, these figures of circulation and registration show that the Trustees can report a fair return for the money appropriated by the town for their public library.

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA L. BROWN, Librarian."

THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

The Trustees had long realized that the time was rapidly approching when more shelf-room for books must be provided. They also felt certain difficulties arising from the use of the same room by children and adult readers. A single solution for these two problems suggested itself in the possibility of taking the room known as Library Hall for a children's room. After careful consideration it was decided that meetings held in Library Hall could be easily be accommodated elsewhere and that the rapidly growing needs of the Library justified taking this room for strictly library purposes. It was therefore voted to include in the budget for 1926 an item of $500.00 for fitting up Library Hall for the use of children.

The first step to be taken was obviously that of installing a book-lift in the shaft constructed for that purpose when the Library was built. The contract for this was given to the Beckwith Elevator Company whose price was $163.00. Next came the shelving, and, as steel shelves seemed most desirable, a representative of the General Fireproofing Company visited the Library and made a plan in consultation with the Librarian, which was accepted by the Trustees. This plan provided four tiers of shelves on the east and west walls of the room at a cost of $246.00. At first no new furniture was bought for this room, but the children's tables and chairs previously used in the main room were moved into it, and new ones of adult size purchased for the space left vacant. Thus the $500.00 appropriation sufficed for the first necessities. Later a Librarian's desk and table were added. Fortunately several small sums of money were available, including a small balance of the legacy of Mrs. James Wight, a gift from the committee of the Woman's Club in charge of the Christmas book sale, and one from the Story-Hour Committee. With this money attractive curtains were purchased, and the work of making them was done by several friends.

The room was opened for use on the afternoon of September 30 and presented a most attractive appearance with its well-filled book-shelves, its

green window hangings, and plants and flowers. On the evening of October 16th, its happy occupants were startled by the sudden falling of a considerable amount of plastering. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt. The room was immediately closed and repairs made which insure the safety of the whole ceiling. Since its re-opening the room has been greatly enjoyed by the children, and the comfort of adult readers in the main room has been much increased. The Librarian also reports that the children's work is more easily handled in the separate room. The efficiency of the Librarian at the time of moving deserves special praise. There was not an hour's break in the library service.

Some highly appreciated gifts have already been made to the Children's Room. The Mothers' Council presented "The Map of Adventure for Boys and Girls," which has been hung low so the children can easily study it and read the inscriptions from travel and adventure stories that take the place of cities and rivers on an ordinary map. The Reading Woman's Club has given money for the purchase of a Copley Print of the Oath of Sir Galahad from the Abbey paintings in the Boston Public Library. The Trustees have also voted to use for the embellishment of the Children's Room a legacy of $100.00 left by Benjamin S. Fabens. This makes possible the purchase of two other Copley Prints from the Holy Grail series, which have been chosen as appropriate companion pieces to the "Oath." These three pictures on the north wall will be the first thing seen by every one entering the room. It is believed that the children will feel greater respect for a room thus beautiful and that a feature of real educational value is being added.

The Trustees are unanimous in believing that the time and money expended in opening the Children's Room are well invested and that the Library is now able to meet the needs of all the public better than ever before.

BUDGET FOR 1927

The detailed estimates of the amounts necessary for the proper support and maintenance of the Public Library for the year 1927 are:

Fuel, light, water, sewer charge	$ 400.00
Printing and supplies	200.00
Books, periodicals, binding, etc.	1,800.00
Repairs	500.00
Miscellaneous expenditure	100.00
	$ 3,000.00
Additional equipment, shelves and typewriter	200.00
Total maintenance	$ 3,200.00
Salaries	4,280.00
Total appropriation requested	$7,480.00

As against an appropriation in 1926 of	$6,650.00
And transfer from Reserve Fund of	200.00
	$ 6,850.00
Unexpended	49.11
	$ 6,800.89

The suggested increase in the Salary Account is made up as follows:

Miss Brown	$1,500.00	from	$1,400.00
Miss Abbott	1,100.00	from	1,000.00
Mr. Killam	780.00	from	520.00
Assistants	900.00	from	480.00
	$4,280.00		$3,400.00

The increase in the salary list is made to bring the Librarian to a salary incumbent with the position and comparable with the salary paid the grade teacher. It is felt by the Trustees that the work of the Librarians have an educational value which justifies this increase. The increase in the salary of the Assistants is due to a greater demand in the Library and also the addition of the Children's Room. The increase in the Janitor's salary is due to a change of Janitor and the proportion of his salary with the Library as adjusted with the Selectmen.

In the Maintenance Budget an amount of $500.00 is requested for repairs. This covers the painting of all exterior woodwork and the walls and woodwork in the Library Room. This amount is based upon estimate given by a local contractor for the purpose of this budget.

It is estimated that an income of about $275.00 will be received during the year from the "Fine" Account.

The faithful and efficient services of Miss Bertha Brown, Librarian, and those of Miss Grace Abbott, Assistant Librarian, again deserve our appreciative acknowledgement.

After years of faithful services as janitor Mr. Charles H. Stinchfield was obliged to relinquish his duties on account of failing health. Mr. William H. Killam was elected to fill the vacancy and is carrying on most satisfactorily.

The work of the assistants, employed from time to time, has been most efficient.

Two vacancies are to be filled at the annual town meeting, the terms of Arthur N. Mansfield and Miss Edith Bancroft expiring.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR N. MANSFIELD, Chairman
EDITH BANCROFT, Secretary
CHARLES F. DOUGHTY
RALPH S. KENEELY
JESSE W. MORTON
IDA C. LUCAS

Trustees.

Adopted as the Report of the Trustees, January 21, 1927.

Sixth Annual Report

OF THE

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

For the Year Ended December 31

1926

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Citizens of Reading:

During the year 1926 there have been no projects of any consequence undertaken. Our departments rather have been busy in the maintenance and upkeep of the extensions and improvements of previous years.

We are justly proud of the personnel of our departments. We feel that they have performed the work expected of them in a thorough and efficient manner, and that the Town has received full value for the money expended in their work.

The work of the various departments is commented upon in detail further on in this report, but there are two matters of great importance which we want to bring to your attention at this point, with the expectation that they will receive your careful consideration.

Our future water consumption, based on the anticipated normal growth, was estimated in 1924 as follows:

Year	Gallons per day
1925	323,000
1930	390,000
1935	465,000
1940	552,000
1945	645,000
1950	755,000

At the same time the capacity of the present source was estimated at 375,000 gallons per day. In 1926 we used 319,128 gallons per day. It is therefore at once obvious that no time must be lost in obtaining a source of supply to take care of our constantly increasing demand.

The Town of Wilmington has found a supply of water, and have shown a desire to dispose of a portion of it to Reading. The situation has been thoroughly investigated by an engineer of unquestioned ability, under our employ. The following conclusions are quoted from his report:

> "Wilmington has apparently found a supply safely capable of furnishing ground-water, acceptable without treatment, to an amount ranging from 500,000–750,000 gallons per day.
>
> "If water is purchased from Wilmington, the entire supply of Reading must be so obtained, in order to make the proposition attractive to Wilmington. This will make necessary the shutting down of the present Reading Supply Works.
>
> "In order to discount the risks incident to the connection with a small town supply, additional storage of 1.0 million gallons should be provided in Reading, and a 12-inch main laid from the junction of Woburn and Lowell Streets, Wilmington, to Reading Square.

"The 12-inch main, with the proposed additional storage, will furnish satisfactory fire service.

"The total cost of the 12-inch main and proposed additional storage will approximate $100,000, the fixed charges on which, over 25 years, will equal $30.00 per million gallons of the total anticipated consumption of Reading during this period.

"The total cost of water purchased from Wilmington by Reading, will therefore approximate $130.00 per million gallons.

"The contract with Wilmington—as suggested by the proposed contract with Woburn—will run for not more than fifteen years and can be terminated by Wilmington on two years' notice.

"Because of the cost, which will be fully as high as that of Metropoliton water, and particularly of the possibility of terminating the contract at or before the end of fifteen years, the purchase of water from Wilmington is not advisable."

The other matter is the disposal of the water collected by our storm water drainage system. As the system is extended from year to year, the water collected is more rapidly brought to the main inlets into Lake Quannapowitt. The level of the lake is so high that the water from the inflowing brooks does not go into the lake, but overflows its banks, creating a menace to health and property. Until some action is taken whereby the level of the lake will be lowered, we will not receive full benefit from our extensive drainage system.

We hope that the citizens will study this report that they may realize what the Board of Public Works is doing and what they hope to accomplish. We also give the assurance that all helpful criticism will be welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. OWEN, Chairman
FRANK C. CARTER
MILES C. HIGGINS, Secretary
SAMUEL HOBBS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:—As required by Section 4, Chapter 118, of an Act authorizing the Town of Reading to establish a Board of Public Works, I respectfully submit for your consideration the sixth annual report of the Department of Public Works (Water, Highway, Sewer and Park), including a financial report of each department, and a chronicle of the principal work performed with recommendations for the coming year.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Maintenance Account

Receipts:			
Cash Balance 1926			$ 2,725.57
Meter Rates			37,900.18
Hydrant Rental			7,035.00
Service Pipe Construction			3,618.46
Miscellaneous Receipts			969.08
Total			$ 52,248.29
Expenditures:			
1. Office Expense:			
Pay Roll	$ 936.00		
Supplies, Printing, Insurance, etc.	1,175.42		
Total		$ 2,111.42	
2. Pumping Station Costs:			
Pay Roll	$ 4,313.99		
Coal	2,922.60		
General Repairs	1,006.19		
Supplies and Miscellaneous	290.57		
Total		$ 8,533.35	
3. Filter Costs:			
Pay Roll	$ 2,337.82		
Electric Power	302.12		
Supplies, Repairs, and Miscellaneous	1,153.33		
Total		$ 3,793.27	
4. Maintenance of Meters:			
Pay Roll	$ 1,299.86		
Supplies and Repairs	404.64		
Total		$ 1,704.50	
5. Maintenance of Service Pipes:			
Pay Roll	$ 540.56		
Tools and Supplies	202.55		
Total		$ 743.11	
6. Maintenance of Main Pipes:			
Pay Roll	$ 367.84		
Miscellaneous Supplies	178.85		
Total		$ 546.69	
7. Bonds:			
Maturing bonds paid from receipts		$ 9,000.00	

8. Bond Interest paid from receipts		$ 2,822.50	
9. Air Compressor Maintenance:			
Electric Power	$ 2,313.22		
Repairs	24.01		
		$ 2,337.23	
Pay Roll	$ 349.76		
10. Automobile Truck Maintenance		$ 604.79	
11. Shop Maintenance:			
Repairs and Miscellaneous Supplies	130.23		
		$ 479.99	
12. Main Pipe Construction:			
Pay Roll	$ 3,000.77		
Pipe	1,945.82		
Labor—Contractor, Forest St. East	1,006.82		
Fittings and Miscellaneous Supplies	2,369.55		
		$ 8,322.96	
13. Service Pipe Construction:			
Pay Roll	$ 2,919.81		
Pipe, Tools and Miscellaneous Supplies	3,828.25		
		$ 6,748.06	
14. Meter Construction:			
Meters	$ 1,389.57		
Supplies	63.84		
		$ 1,453.41	
15. Hydrants:			
Pay Roll	$ 777.62		
Repairs and Miscellaneous Supplies	143.15		
Fittings	430.89		
		$ 1,351.66	
Grand Total Expenditures			$50,552.94
Balance Cash on Hand			$ 1,695.35
Construction Account:			
Voted in March Town Meeting, 1925:			
Construction of Libby Ave. Water Main			$ 6,000.00
Construction of Forest St. Water Main			14,000.00

Premium and accured interest on bonds			132.89
			$20,132.89
Expenditures of the above Appropriations:			
Libby Ave. Water Main, 1925....		$ 4,804.57	
Forest St. Water Main, 1925		6,956.42	
		$11,760.99	
Forest St. Water Main, 1926:			
Expenditures:			
Pay Roll, Inspector	$ 577.30		
Expended under Contract	6,648.70		
Miscellaneous	339.98		
Total		$ 7,565.98	
Total Expenditures		$19,326.97	
Unexpended Balance		805.92	
			$20,132.89
Cost of plant: Dec. 31, 1925			$449,842.82
Expended 1926:			
Mainteance Acct. Main Extensions	$ 8,322.96		
Forest Street Water Main	7,565.98		
Service Pipe Construction	6,748.06		
Meters	1,453.41		
			$ 24,090.41
Cost of Plant, Dec. 31, 1926 ..			$473,933.23

The interest for the year 1926 on serial bonds amounted $2,822.50 as follows:

May 1, 1926,	$20,000 bonds for six months at 4% (Pd. $2,000)	$400.00
June 1, 1926,	$36,000 bonds for six months at 4% (Pd. $6,000)	720.00
June 1, 1926,	$17,000 bonds for six months at 4½% (Pd. $1,000)	382.50
Nov. 1, 1926,	$18,000 bonds for six months at 4%	360.00
Dec. 1, 1926,	$30,000 bonds for six months at 4%	600.00
Dec. 1, 1926,	$16,000 bonds for six months at 4½%	360.00

There were $8,000 in bonds at 4% and a $1,000 bond at 4½% paid in 1926.

The interest for the year 1927 on serial bonds amounts to $2,457.50 as follows:

May 1, 1927,	$18,000 bonds for six months at 4% ..... (Due $2,000)	$360.00
June 1, 1927,	$30,000 bonds for six months at 4% ..... (Due $6,000)	600.00
June 1, 1927,	$16,000 bonds for six months at 4½% ..... (Due $1,000)	360.00
Nov. 1, 1927,	$16,000 bonds for six months at 4%	320.00
Dec. 1, 1927,	$24,000 bonds for six months at 4%	480.00
Dec. 1, 1927,	$15,000 bonds for six months at 4½%	337.50

There are $8,000 in bonds at 4% and a $1,000 bond at 4½% payable in 1927.

The Superintendent recommends that $7,315.00 be raised and appropriated for hydrant rental; that $100.00 be raised and appropriated for water for drinking fountains.

REGISTRATION REPORT

Amount of bills (metered water) rendered in 1926		$38,056.21
Amount collected and paid Treasurer.....	$37,900.18	
Amount uncollected	35.90	
Amounted abated	120.13	
	$38,056.21	$38,056.21
Amount of bills (metered water) of previous years uncollected		.00
Amount collected and paid Treasurer	.00	
Amount uncollected	.00	
Amount abated	.00	
	.00	.00
Amount of Service Pipe Construction bills rendered in 1926		$ 3,643.70
Amount of bills of previous years uncollected.....		239.12
		$ 3,882.82
Amount collected and paid Treasurer	$ 3,618.46	
Amount uncollected	264.36	
	$ 3,882.82	

Amount of Service Pipe Maintenance bills rendered in 1926		$ 624.52
Amount of bills of previous years uncollected		7.93
		$ 632.45
Amount collected and paid Treasurer	$ 578.71	
Amount uncollected	53.74	
	$ 632.45	

KIND AND SIZES OF METERS IN USE
January 1, 1927

	Make	Sizes							
		⅝ in.	¾ in.	1 in.	1¼ in.	1½ in.	2 in.	3 in.	Total
1	Nash	1084	15	10	1	3	2	....	1115
2	Empire	262	1	2	.....	.....	1	2	268
3	Hersey	241	4	13	.....	7	2	....	267
4	Neptune	126	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	126
5	Gamon	119	.....	2	.....	.....	....	....	121
6	Crown	76	1	2	.....	2	7	....	88
7	Lambert	51	.....	2	.....	.....	....	....	53
8	Union	39	.....	2	.....	1	...	....	42
9	Worthington	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	....	26
10	Pittsburg	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	13
11	Thompson	6	.....	1	.....	.....	....	....	7
12	Columbia	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	3
13	Federal	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	....	2
14	Keystone	1	.....	.....	7	.....	....	....	8
	Total	2048	21	34	8	13	13	2	2139

YEARLY RECORD OF PUMPING SERVICE
From Jan. 1, 1926, to Jan. 1, 1927

Month	No. Days	Hrs.	Min.	Gallons Pumped	Total Head	Pounds Coal	Gals. to Lbs Coal	Rainfall
January	31	271	00	9,216,789	219	55,809	165	2.53
February	28	237	45	8,111,566	219	51,566	155	4.41
March	31	269	00	9,234,892	219	53,010	174	2.83
April	30	263	30	9,137,545	219	49,942	183	2.24
May	31	295	30	9,992,491	219	52,825	189	2.19
June	30	332	30	10,027,160	219	54,931	192	1.80
July	31	410	00	12,141,117	219	59,668	203	2.08
August	31	338	30	10,027,160	219	52,717	190	3.30
September	30	316	15	9,904,086	219	51,064	194	1.32
October	31	321	30	10,101,882	219	51,714	195	3.95
November	30	288	00	8,,941,940	219	47,035	190	3.89
December	31	295	30	9,123,092	219	50,901	179	3.08
Totals	365	3629	00	116,,481,568	219	631,182	185	33.62

TABLE SHOWIN THE AMOUNT OF RAIN AND MELTED SNOW

For Year Ending Dec. 31, 1926

Day of Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Day of Month
1	.....	.32	.23	.....	.....	.09	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	T	1
2	.....	.....	.21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.17	T	.09	.08	.....	2
3	.....	.21	.....	.37	.18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.11	3
4	.14	.68	.....	.....	.. ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
5	.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	T	.....	.....	.16	T	T	.77	5
6	.....	.14	.10	.05	.....	.15	.05	.....	.08	.16	.....	.....	6
7	.....	.. ..	.87	.25	.....	.13	.....	1.31	.....	.09	.....	.01	7
8	.08	.....	T	.53	.....	.24	.....	.01	.....	.....	.02	.....	8
9 ..	.41	.24	.....	.....	T	.....	.....	.05	.....	.....	1.05	.02	9
10	.....	.28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.01	.....	.....	.....	.16	10
11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.41	.05	.. ...	.....	.....	12
13	.....	.01	.....	.....	.....	.....	.21	.01	.....	.41	.....	.....	13
14	.....	1.02	.....	.....	.. ...	.60	.....	.04	.....	.....	.02	.....	14
15	.....	.....	.01	.....	.01	.11	.53	.....	.....	.....	T	.08	15
16	.....	.....	. ....	.....	1.29	.....	.12	.80	.05	.....	.21	.....	16
17	.....	.....	T	.....	T	.01	.....	.. ...	T	.27	.....	.....	17
18 ...	.77	.35	.. ...	.....	.....	.03	.28	.....	.....	.12	1.58	.....	18
19	.....	.16	.01	.....	.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19
20	.....	.....	.32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.83	.....	.....	20
21	.57	.07	.....	.02	.....	.....	.. ...	.....	.....	.01	.....	.....	21
22 ...	.02	.....	.....	.12	.01	.03	.15	.....	.....	T	.....	.....	22
23	.....	.....	.02	.....	.21	.01	T	.....	.76	.....	.02	.....	23
24	.....	.....	.02	.76	.....	.....	.11	.06	.03	1.55	.....	.06	24
25	.....	.93	.12	.01	.....	.....	.....	T	.18	.05	.....	.....	25
26	.03	.....	.20	.....	.02	.40	.....	.02	.....	.....	.48	.29	26
27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.01	.....	.....	.41	.01	.....	T	.....	27
28	.....	T	.....	.13	.....	.....	T	T	.....	.....	.....	1.42	28
29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.02	.....	.63	.....	.....	.....	.03	.....	29
30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	T	.....	.....	.....	.40	.....	30
31	.31	.....	.72	.....	.08	.....	.....	.....	.....	.3	.....	.16	31
Total	2.53	4.41	2.83	2.24	2.19	1.80	2.08	3.30	1.32	3.95	3.89	3.08	Total
Total to Date	2.53	6.94	9.77	12.01	14.20	16.00	18.08	21.38	22.70	26.65	30.54	33.62	Total to Date

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS—STATE DEPT. OF HEALTH

Water Analysis—(Parts in 100,000)

No.	Date of Collection	Appearance			Residue on Evaporation	Ammonia		Chlorine	Nitrogen as		Hardness	Iron	Remarks
		Turbidity	Sediment	Color		Free	Total		Nitrates	Nitrites			
185174	9-23-25	Slight	Considerable	.62	12.60	.0280	.0082	2.24	.0050	.0000	2·9	3.80	Filter Gallery
186385	11-17-25	Slight	Considerable	.38	17.00	.0156	.0090	1.80	.0090	.0001	3·5	2.50	Filter Gallery
185175	9-23-25	None	Very slight	.23	15.50	.0002	0064	2.02	.0030	.0000	9·7	0.08	Filter Weir
186386	11-17-25	Very slight	Very slight	.21	18.60	.0006	.0086	1.94	.0100	.0000	9·6	0.37	Filter Weir
185176	9-23-25	Very slight	Very slight	.27	18.10	.0000	.0034	1.64	.0020	.0000	8·0	0.60	Tap
186387	11-17-25	Very slight	Very slight	.20	19.30	.0002	.0080	1.62	.0070	.0000	8·9	0.23	Tap

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

For Year Ending December 31, 1926

Reading Water Department
Reading, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

General Statistics

Population by census of 1925: 8796.
Date of construction: 1890 and 1891.
By whom owned: Town of Reading.
Sources of supply: Filter gallery and artesian wells.
Mode of supply: (whether gravity or pumping): Pumping.

Pumping Statistics

Builders of Pumping Machinery: Sullivan Mch. Co., Geo. F. Blake Mfg. Co., and Platt Iron Works.
Description of fuel used:
Kind: Coal.
Brand of coal: New River and all rail Penn.
Average price of coal per net ton delivered: $9.42.
Coal consumed for the year: 631,182 lbs.
Total pumpage for year: 116,481,568 gallons with allowance for slip.
Average static head against which pumps work: 219.
Average dynamic head against which pumps work: 240.
Number of gallons pumped per pound of equivalent coal: 185.
Gallons pumped x 8.34 (lbs.) x 100 x dynamic head (240).
Duty equals: ——————————————————
Total fuel consumed
Equals 36,938,554.41 including heating.
Cost of pumping, figured on Pumping Station expenses, including filtration, viz: $12,128.26.
Cost per million gallons pumped: $104.12.
Cost per million gallons raised one foot (dynamic): .43.

DISPOSITION OF BALANCE—Carried to New Account

Net cost of works Dec. 31, 1926	$473,908.48
Bonded debt Dec. 31, 1926	$ 64,000.00

Total cost of supplying water per million gallons figured on total maintenance plus interest on bonds: $212.90.

Statistics Relating to Distributing Mains

Kind of Pipe: Galvin. iron and Cast iron
Sizes: From 1¼ inches to 12 inches
Extended: 5972.33 feet during year of six-inch pipe
Total now in use: 36.23 miles 6″ pipe
Cost of repair per mile: $15.08
Number of hydrants (public and private) now in use: 223
Number of stop gates added during the year: 36
Number of stop gates now in use: 361
Number of stop gates smaller than 4 inch: None
Number of blow-offs: 13
Range of pressure on mains: 45 lbs. to 90 lbs.

Services:

Kind of pipe: Cast iron, galvanized iron, lead and cement lined
Sizes: ¾ inch to 6 inches
Extended: 1926: 7225.10 feet
Discontinued 1926: 100 feet
Total now in use: 32.07 miles
Number of service taps added during the year: 95
Number now in use: 2219
Average length of service installed 1926: 76.05 feet
Average cost of service installed 1926: $70.77

Meters:

Number of meters purchased: 95
Number of meters discarded: 34
Number now in use: 2139
Percentage of services metered: .95
Number of motors and elevators added: None
Number now in use: None

General

The distribution pipe lines have been extended on 24 different streets in town, the sum total length of extension being 11,940.03 feet.

Ninety-five new services have been constructed during the year with a total length of 7225.10 feet and an average of 76.05 feet.

Hydrants have been installed at the following new locations:

Longview Road, off Prospect St.
Forest St., north side, west corner Wells Rd.
Forest St., north side, east corner Van Norden Rd.
Forest St., north side, west of Stoney Brook.
Forest St., north side, east corner Colburn Rd.
Forest St., north side, at Hurlburt Rd.
Forest St., north side, west corner Martin Rd.
Forest St., north side, east of Grove St.

Recommendations

1. That the stand-pipe be cleaned and painted.

2. The 1¼" distribution mains should be relaid with 6" on Beach St., between Green St. and Lakeview Ave., and on School and Dudley Sts. They have now become overloaded and cannot render proper service.

3. The laying of a 6" main in Elliott St., between Green and Washington Sts., also in Washington St. from Main to Village, will enable the Department to tie in the present dead ends.

4. An air compressor should be added to the equipment of the Water and Sewer Departments. This piece of machinery can often be used by the Highway Department to great advantage in the resurfacing of our streets.

There will be required for 1927 approximately 100 additional meters and 12 new hydrants for replacements.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:—The following is the yearly report of the Highway Department:

Appropriations and Balances:

Voted in March Town Meeting, 1926:

1.	Highway Maint. and Const.	$56,000.00	
2.	Removal of Snow and Ice	15,000.00	
3.	Cleaning Drainage Ditches	3,000.00	
4.	Construction 1926 Improved Drainage ..	13,000.00	
5.	Main Street Widening	1,000.00	
6.	Lowell Street Sidewalk	3,000.00	
	Total		$ 91,000.00

Unexpended Balances from Previous Appropriations:

7.	Survey and Plans for Special Drainage...	$1,000.00	
8.	South Street re-surfacing	96.38	
9.	Establishment of Building Lines	719.88	
10.	Construction of John St. Drain, 1925	771.74	
			$ 2,588.00
	Total Appropriations and balances..		$ 93,588.00

Expenditures and Balances of the Above Appropriations:

1. Highway Maint. and Const.....			$ 56,000.00
Receipts			1,738.92
Total			$ 57,738.92
Pay Roll		$14,504.82	
Purchases: Maintenance			
1. General Repairs	$ 2,896.01		
2. Tools and Misc. Sup.	3,830.81		
3. Road Materials:			
A. Tarvia B	12,754.27		
B. Tarvia X	830.00		
C. Tarvia K. P ...	413.03		
D. Crushed Stone..	1,647.44		
4. Sidewalk Construction	2,753.59		
5. New Equipment	4,469.14		
Total		$29,594.29	
Construction Account:			
Prescott St.			
1. Earth Excavation	$ 1,935.50		
2. Ledge Excavation	35.40		
3. Gravel	2,224.00		
4. Broken Stone	5,229.00		
5. Bituminous Material	2,310.00		
6. Scarifying	263.80		
7. Dust	106.20		
8. Misc. Adv., Sundries, Weigher, etc.	199.19		
Total for Road Work		$12,303.09	
Culvert construction under contract		1,336,72	
Sub Total		$13,639.81	
Grand Total			$ 57,738.92
Balance Unexpended			00.00
2. Appropriation for the Removal of Snow and Ice:.....			$ 15,000.00
Expended:			
1. Pay Roll	$ 7,125.37		
Sidewalk Snow Plowing ..	5,411.03		

3. Tools, Supplies, Repairs, etc.	4,102.46	
Total		$ 16,638.86
Balance overdrawn		1,638.86
3. Appropriation for Cleaning Drainage Ditches		$ 3,000.00
Expended:		
1. Pay Roll	$ 2,229.82	
2. Supplies	595.50	
Total		$ 2,825.32
Balance unexpended		$ 174.68
4. Appropriation for 1926 Drainage		$ 13,000.00
Const. John St. Drain, 1925, unexpended balance		771.74
Total		$ 13,771.74
Expended:		
1. Pay Roll, Engr. and Contractor	$ 8,633.57	
2. Pipe and Fittings	4,191.52	
3. Miscellaneous	134.36	
Total		$ 12,959.45
Balance unexpended		$ 812.29
5 Appropriation for Main Street Widening		$ 1,000.00
Expended:		
1. Pay Roll	$ 381.06	
2. Curbing	180.98	
3. Resetting Hydrant	90.77	
4. Road Material	279.08	
5. Misc. Supplies	68.11	
Total		$ 1,000.00
		.00
6. Appropriation for Lowell St. Sidewalk		$ 3,000.00

Expended:
1. Pay Roll, Contractor and Misc. ..... $ 3,000.00

$ 3,000.00

.00

7. Appropriation for Survey and Plans for Special Drainage $ 1,000.00
Expended:
No Expenditures in 1926..... 000.00

Balance unexpended..... $ 1,000.00

8. Balance to be spent on South St.. $ 96.38
Expended:
1. Pay Roll ..... $ 16.71
2. Supplies 79.67

Total ..... $ 96.38

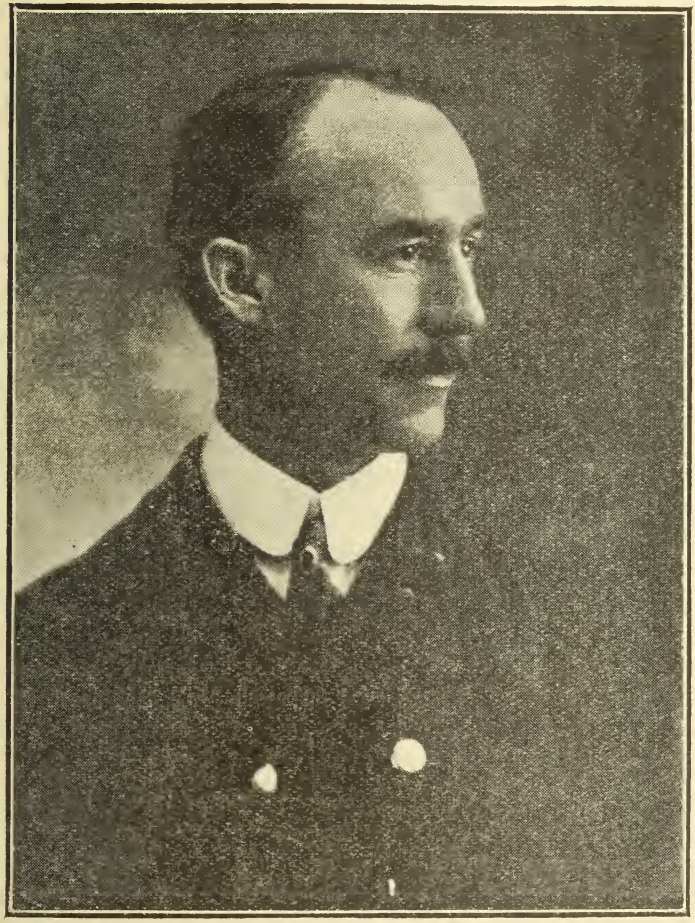
.00

9. Appropriation for Building Lines $ 719.88
Expended:
No Expenditures in 1926.... 000.00

Balance unexpended .. $ 719.88

TOTALS

Items	Appropriations	Expenditures	Balance	Balance to 1926
1.	$57,738.92	$57,738.92	$0.00	
2.	15,000.00	16,638.86	1,638.86	
3.	3,000.00	2,825.32	174.68	
4.	13,771.74	12,959.45	812.29	812.29
5.	1,000.00	1,000.00	00.00	
6.	3,000.00	3,000.00	00.00	
7.	1,000.00	00.00	1,000.00	
8.	96.38	96.38	00.00	
9.	719.88	0.00	719.88	
Totals	$95,326.92	$94,258.93	$1,067.99	$812.29



EDWARD HARRISON CROWE

Died February 23, 1926

Fifteen Years Superintendent of Streets

Highway Department

For convenience in commenting on the work for the year, it may be divided into five parts, namely: Snow and Ice, Highway Maintenance, Construction, Drainage and Sidewalks.

SNOW AND ICE:

The magnitude of this work was such that the original appropriation of $5,000.00 which was placed before the Finance Committee, did not cover even the cost of repairs on our equipment. At the annual town meeting in March, $15,000.00 was asked for by the Board, and even this amount has been overrun, as may be seen in the financial distribution account at the beginning of this Highway report. Besides having the use of our own equipment, consisting of three autocars and two small tractors, a F. W. D. truck was loaned the Dept. by the State Dept. of Public Works, and the Board also hired a five-ton Mack to take charge of a certain section in town.

After large storms the streets were opened up, crosswalks shoveled, catch basins cleared and the snow removed from the Square, Haven St. and in front of the churches.

When the men were not needed on the above work they were occupied in the overhauling and painting of the maintenance equipment, the mending of sidewalk snow plows, the bushing out of outlying streets, the cleaning of ditches and culverts, patching of road surfaces, painting of street signs, etc. This work kept the Dept. busy during the first three months of the year.

MAINTENANCE:

As soon as the ice was gone, the gutters and catch basins were cleaned, outlying streets dragged, and as much as possible, mud holes filled with either cinders or gravel. Due to the application of heavy road tar, during previous years, only about fifty percent of the streets had to be scarified to give the proper crown to shed water. This year the Dept. applied some 96,990 gallons of Tarvia "B" and 3,972 gallons of 45% asphalt oil for the maintenance work on dirt roads. It covered an area of approximately 429,000 sq. yds., or 30.4 miles of roadways 24 feet wide. Different sections of our bituminous macadam roadways were also seal coated where the wearing surfaces had worn thin. As a matter of record, 334.20 tons of stone have been used in patching the streets throughout the year.

CONSTRUCTION:

Bituminous macadam surface has been laid at the following locations: Prescott Street, from Lincoln to Summer Avenue; Harnden Street, from Pleasant to Salem St.; and the intersection of Haven and Main Streets west of the Eastern Mass. Co. tracks. The above work on Prescott Street was let out to contract under the State Highway Department's specification and supervision, and the construction work was done by M. McDonough Co. of Swampscott, Mass.

SIDEWALKS:

In accordance with the general custom, the Board of Public Works advertised in The Reading Chronicle that the Highway Dept. would con-

struct sidewalks during the latter part of the year, half of the cost to be paid by the abutters. This work was let out to contract and three hundred and twelve square yards were constructed in different sections about town.

Two thousand eighty-eight square yards of sidewalk were resurfaced by the application of a skim coat to the sidewalks already built. The Dept. applied four hundred sixteen tons of stone dust on walks which became muddy during wet weather or which were washed badly.

By special articles in the March town meeting, money was appropriated for the construction of a permanent walk around the Municipal Building and Public Library. This work was let out on contract and entailed the laying of six hundred fourteen square yards of granolithic walk and the setting of four hundred eighty linear feet of curbstone.

The sidewalk along the east side of Reading Square, from Haven Street north, was set back in line with that which was constructed in 1925. This change added greatly to the width of the main highway, which was previously very much congested during heavy traffic.

DRAINAGE:

Work on our storm water drainage system has progressed by first replacing the old stone culvert on Prescott Street, near the junction of Sunnyside Avenue, with a reinforced concrete culvert. A storm water drain from this culvert was constructed down Prescott Street to the junction of Arlington, prior to resurfacing, with proper catch basins to take care of the water from the street surface. A drain on Lincoln Street was laid from the junction of Washington up Lincoln within 300 feet of Woburn Street to relieve the bad conditions in back of the Reading Depot.

In order to get rid of the water in School Street at the junction of Dudley, a drain was laid up Mt. Vernon Street from the junction of High Street to School, then up School to Dudley. Another short extension was made on Deering Street and Lowell Street to take care of the surface water along Lowell Street. The above described work was let out by contract and was constructed according to the drainage plans laid out by Mr. F. A. Barbour. Other drainage work of minor importance has been carried on to relieve certain sections where conditions were exceptionally bothersome, namely: at the junction of West Street and Summer Avenue, Howard Street, Wakefield Street, Grove Street, etc. The drain on Elliott Street was relaid from Washington Street to beyond Green and extensive repairs made on the temporary drain on Prescott Street west of the new concrete culvert.

GENERAL:

A new Ford Runabout with a truck body replaced the old one which the Dept. had had for the last three years. Repairs to the Highway Barn have been made in order to make room for the housing of our equipment. The basement yard has been further excavated and two sets of double doors have been installed. Covered gravity bins have been installed to

hold sidewalk sand for winter use and K. P. patching stone and this material can now be handled much more efficiently.

Sixty-seven new street signs have been erected, also new fencing over culverts. The catch basins have been cleaned three times during the year where necessity demanded it, etc.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the general program of maintenance pursued during the past few years be continued.

This coming year in order to carry on our maintenance work, the town should procure a new sand pit, and to facilitate its use should purchase a loading machine.

The Ford Dump used for K. P. patching work has been in use now for six years, and is in a state where it cannot be economically repaired. This should be replaced by new equipment.

Permanent road work next year should include the stoning of Mineral Street between Summer Avenue and Prospect Street, Middlesex Avenue between High and Vine Streets, and Ellis Avenue between Summer Avenue and Hillcrest Road.

In order to properly drain the athletic field at the new Junior High School the Woburn Street culvert should be constructed to proper grade and size. The ditch connecting this culvert and the Prescott Street culvert should be channelled piped.

The storm drain in Prescott Street from the culvert to Summer Avenue must be lowered and relaid with a pipe of larger capacity.

A small drain should be laid in Woodbine and Hancock Streets to relieve bad conditions which now exist in Woodbine Street.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:—The following is the yearly report of the Sewer Department:

Construction and Maintenance:		
Balance Brought Forward		$ 21,596.37
Receipts for 1926		10,195.40
Total		$ 31,791.77
Construction Account:		
Expended:		
1. Prescott Street Extension	$ 980.84	
2. Right of Way and Damages	1,000.00	
Total	$ 1,980.84	

Maintenance Account:		
1. Metropolitan Charges	$11,829.64	
2. Pay Roll	2,302.32	
3. Tools, Supplies and Repairs	1,070.45	
Total	$15,202.41	
Maintenance and Construction Pay Roll and Bills		$ 17,183.25
Balance		$ 14,608.52
House Connection Account:		
Balance brought forward		$ 1,066.63
Cash Receipts to date		1,962.84
Total		$ 3,029.47
Expended:		
1. Pay Roll	$ 1,043.60	
2. Refunds	266.92	
3. Pipe Fittings, etc.	633.17	
4. Miscellaneous	116.33	
Total		$ 2,060.02
Balance		$ 969.45

Sewer Maintenance and Construction

A short extension of 277 feet to the main sewerage system was made on Prescott Street between Perkins Avenue and West Street to take care of sewer applications received. In this locality of the town the ground water elevation is high and by this construction it will eliminate bad cesspool conditions in the future. The work was done by contract.

Two general inspections of our sewerage system have been made during the year to ascertain whether an accumulation of sewerage was building up, particularly on lines where only a few houses are connected. In a few instances a systematic process of cleaning and flushing was found necessary to thoroughly clear lines that were partially blocked.

Twenty-four house connections have been constructed during the year by the sewer department men with a total length of 1587.60 feet. The number of houses which are now connected with the sewerage system is equivalent to about 52% of the total number of connections available from the present sewers. This is an increase of 4% over last year. There are 43 connections constructed in past years that can be completed whenever the property owners desire, and 109 have been run either to the curb or sideline of the street to obviate the expense of such work after resurfacing the highways. There still remains 169 connections possible for which no applications have been made by the owners of the property.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

There will be required a one-ton truck to replace the one that the Dept. has had since 1918 and which is now beyond the point where it can be economically repaired.

I recommend an extension of the main sewer from the junction of Temple and Woburn Streets, in Temple Street to Summer Avenue, and the interceptor from Temple Street to Morgan Court, a greater part of which will be necessary on account of the construction of the new Junior High School. This work should be done by contract.

PARK DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:—The following is the yearly report of the Park Department:

General Appropriation		$ 2,600.00
Expended:		
Memorial Park		
Pay Roll, care of Park	$ 709.63	
Pay Roll, Supervised Play	700.00	
Bills	596.53	
Total	$ 2,006.16	
Common and Main Street Parks		
Pay Roll, care of Parks	66.49	
Bills	171.14	
Total	$ 237.63	
Leach Park		
Pay Roll	$ 43.44	
Bills	0.00	
Total	$ 43.44	
Summary Expenditures:		
Total Pay Rolls	$ 1,519.56	
Total Bills	767.67	
Total		$ 2,287.23
Balance		$ 312.77

By closing the gate in the dam early in the fall of 1925, a large area was flooded in the open brook section of Memorial Park, which afforded good skating before the heavy snow storms came in the early part of the month of February.

On April 26, the general care of the grounds and minor necessary repairs to the barn were begun to make ready for the coming season. Particular care was given to both entrances (Main and Salem Streets) and to that portion used by the children during the summer months for their activities. This section was kept constantly mown, raked and picked up and the walks constantly repaired with sugar gravel, which was available at the park.

A larger area was taken care of this year than ever before. This was made possible by having a power lawn mower which the town purchased in the fall of 1925. At the close of the season, the old wooden bridge leading to Harrison Street was done away with, it having become dangerous to use, a solid wall of heavy fieldstone, cinders and sand was substituted. The barn was repaired by shingling it on the south and west walls and some work was done on the roof. It was found necessary to purchase a new slide for the children, the old one having become badly cracked in many places and too dangerous to use another year. The gate in the dam was closed early in the fall and a large area flooded and is now being used for skating.

The success of the summer activities at Memorial Park is attributed to Mrs. Gay and Mrs. Thompson of the Reading Woman's Club, who gave unlimited time, effort and personal care to the work. The Board of Public Works wishes to express their sincere appreciation to these two ladies for their untiring efforts.

Common, Leach and Main Street Parks

The Common and Main Street Parks were kept mown, raked and picked up during the year and the trees were taken care of by Mr. Donegan. At the end of the season minor repairs to the band-stand were made and a new flag pole halyard was secured for the flag pole.

Special attention was given to Leach Park this year, and it was kept in better condition than for several years past.

Recommendations

1. That the same appropriation be made for the Park Dept. for 1927 as was made this year.

2. That the flag pole and band-stand on the Common be painted.

3. That new trees be set out on the Common to replace those which have died this past year.

The following is a report of the Reading Woman's Club of Playground activities at Memorial Park:

Report of Playground Committee

The eighth season of the Reading Playground opened on the afternoon of June 30, 1926, with informal exercises. Mrs. Gay speaking for the Reading Woman's Club, greeted all and asked for the co-operation of the children, the parents and the instructors.

We were very fortunate in again securing Mrs. Margaret Tyacke of Medford as Supervisor and the same corps of assistants that served last year. Mrs. Lulu Johnson of Melrose was engaged to instruct the children in crepe paper work, and during the opening exercises she gave a very good description of her work as planned. Various games were played and the afternoon ended with the usual treat of ice-cream cones to the four hundred children and friends attending.

As in previous years, each day had its own special work or class. Monday morning was devoted to the basketry classes under the direction of Miss Eva Webb of Reading.

Wednesday, a story hour was held under the direction of Mrs. Ida Lucas, many ladies giving their time to entertain the children. Also on this day a special program was arranged by Mrs. Tyacke and her assistants for the entertainment of the mothers and friends of the children.

On Thursday morning, Mrs. Johnson had her crepe paper class, and much interest was shown. The afternoon was given to the women of Reading, and those desiring instruction paid fifty cents a lesson to Mrs. Johnson.

The other days were given over to games and tournaments, the children working for medals and letters. Folk dancing was a special feature of the summer, the children taking advantage of the new piano given the Playground by the Reading Woman's Club, and the new floor that had been laid during the winter in the Community Building. Mr. Barclay organized a baseball team, and it had its practice on the Town Field. Various games were played with out of town teams. One day was given over to the champion teams of the Boston Playgrounds. Our Reading children held their own, winning several of the games, thus showing the result of their fine instruction. These contests were in baseball, tennis, squash ball, etc.

Little equipment was needed and very few repairs required. Mrs. Tyacke and her assistants were greatly aided in their work by the stop-watch purchased by the committee, as it enabled them to accurately time the races, running, etc.

On the morning of August 19th, the Playground Committee presented at the Reading Theatre a program planned by the Massachusetts Safety Council. This consisted of songs and dances by various children from the Playground, a talk by Miss Greenwood, a film comedy and safety pictures. The children and public were invited to attend free. The Woman's Club paid for the use of the film, the Committee paid the organist and operator. The proprietors gave the use of the theatre and the committee feel these gentlemen were very kind.

The first of August, work began on the crepe paper dresses which were to be worn in the parade to be held as a closing feature. Mrs. Johnson had the co-operation of the mothers, and gave Tuesday afternoons free of charge to them to make the costumes. The Playground closed August 25 with a parade, starting at the Park, passing through Reading Square and back to the Playground, where the children took part in the exercises planned by Mrs. Tyacke, Mrs. Johnson and the assistants. The music was furnished by Mrs. Terry of Everett. Prizes were awarded for the prettiest costumes and letters were given both boys and girls for their athletic work during the season.

The Committee in charge feel that the interest, spirit and the co-operation of the Playground has increased each year and much more has been accomplished this past year. At the close of the season it was found that a new slide was needed and this purchase was made.

Once more the Committee wishes to thank the Board of Public Works for its ever ready advice and assistance. All who have in any way helped to make the summer so very successful have the sincere thanks of the Committee.

HELEN L. THOMPSON
KATHRYN E. GAY
Joint Chairmen

A. GERTRUDE KILLAM
President Reading Woman's Club

To the Board of Public Works:

The Playground Committee would recommend that the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) be appropriated by the Town of Reading for the work assigned to it.

It would suggest that the sum be not definitely divided for salaries and expenses.

HELEN L. THOMPSON
KATHRYN E. GAY
Joint Chairmen

A. GERTRUDE KILLAM
President Reading Woman's Club

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:—The following is the yearly report of the executive office:

Appropriation		$ 5,100.00
Expended:		
Salaries and Misc. Supplies	$ 5,099.81	
Total		$ 5,099.81
Balance		$ .19

The following table shows the expenditures made this past year in all Departments, the pay roll of each, and the entire expenditures of the Board of Public Works.

	Bd. Public Works	Water Dept.	Highway Dept.	Sewer Dept.	Park Dept.	Totals
Pay Roll	$4,596.00	$17,274.83	$24,273.01	$3,345.92	$1,519.56	$51,009.32
Bills	503.81	40,844.09	69,985.92	15,897.35	767.67	127,998.84
Totals	$5,099.81	$58,118.92	$94,258.93	$19,243.27	$2,287.23	$179,008.16

The following list of unpaid bills are being held for thirty-day payment, the materials ordered to be used in 1927 and charged up to next year's accounts

Name of Concern	Account	Amount
Banker & Tradesman	Water	$ 10.00
Chandler & Farquher Co.	"	4.41
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co	"	58.50
L. W. Dickinson & Son	Highway	.68
L. W. Dickinson & Son	"	2.16
L. W. Dickinson & Son	Water	1.16
Lumsden & Van Stone Co.	"	39.00
Mead-Morrison Mfg. Co.	Snow and Ice	96.00
National Meter Co.	Water	49.80
National Meter Co.	"	11.15
Red-Hed Mfg. Co.	"	270.00
Standard Oil Co.	"	36.40
Sullivan Mch. Co.	"	43.05
Walsh's Holyoke Steam Boiler Works	Snow and Ice	23.00
Wendell Bancroft & Co.	Sewer	33.50
Wendell Bancroft & Co.	"	3.52

In closing this report, the Superintendent wishes to express his appreciation of the co-operation and interest of all those in any way associated with him in carrying on his work, and to acknowledge the helpful suggestions and assistance which he has received from other Department heads in the Town.

HARRY B. COLLINS, Superintendent.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF READING

For the Year Ended December 31

1926

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Albert R. Shepardson, Ch., 48 King St.	Term Expires 1928
Mrs. Josephine H. Fowler, 65 Temple St.	Term Expires 1928
Mrs. Ruth A. Lumsden, 116 Summer Ave.	Term Expires 1927
Mrs. Marion B. Temple, 55 Hill Crest Rd.	Term Expires 1927
Dr. Harold A. Carnes, 39 Grand St.	Term Expires 1929
Malcolm C. Davis, 12 Federal St.	Term Expires 1929

School Committee Office, High School

Clerk, Margaret Hunt — Residence—30 Hill Crest Rd.

Office Hours, 8.30 a. m. to 4 p. m., except on Saturdays, 9 to 12 a. m.

Superintendent of Schools

Adelbert L. Safford, Office—High School — Residence—26 Middlesex Ave.

Office Hours, 9.00 to 9.30 a. m. on school days.

Supervisor of Standards and Guidance

Ida C. Lucas, 435 Franklin St. — Office—High School

Attendance Officer

Abigail H. Mingo, 123 Haven St. — Office—High School

School Physician

Charles R. Henderson, M. D. — 126 Woburn St.

School Nurse

Mabel M. Brown, R. N. — Office—High School

Residence—84 Fellsway East, Malden

Janitors

	Salaries
High School, Charles W. Richardson, 107 Haven St.	$1,560.00
Matron: Mrs. Ara Pratt, 29 Orange St.	1,040.00
Highland School, Jesse W. Hutchinson, 79 Bancroft Ave.	1,560.00
Matron: Mrs. Emma Tibbetts, 13 School St.	780.00
Center School, Edward W. McBrien, 18 Salem St.	1,560.00
Union St. School, Edward W. McBrien	
Lowell St. School, Sylvanus L. Thompson, 8 Intervale Ter.	1,040.00
Prospect St. School, J. Fred Richardson, 17 Prospect St.	1,040.00
Chestnut Hill School, Harry S. Lovejoy, 47 Hopkins St.	520.00

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1926

To the Citizens of Reading:

The past year has been a very busy one for the School Committee, and has brought many unusual problems. Chief among them has been the preparation for the readjustment which will take place when the Junior High School is transferred to the new building, and the 6-3-3 year program is put in operation. Careful study has been given this subject by the Superintendent and the High and Junior High School Principals, with relation to courses of study and reorganization of the teaching staff. The Committee have also carefully considered the financial phases of this reorganization.

Much time and thought has necessarily been spent upon the problems arising in connection with the arrangement and furnishing of the new building.

Some changes have been made in the methods of handling the business of the department. The Committee holds weekly meetings; and at each meeting passes upon all bills received, and is in constant touch with the department finances.

A large number of changes have been made in the text books; changes that would have been made several years ago but for the pressure for funds for other uses.

The study of the needs of the backward pupils has been extended, and the work the department is doing in this way is already producing marked results.

The committee also have under consideration the best use to be made of the rooms to be vacated at the Highland School; at all events we shall be able to relieve the strain upon some teachers who now have 45 to 50 pupils under their charge.

An evening school has been started, and is meeting a long felt need. This work will be extended from time to time, as the demand increases.

An increase in the teaching staff and number of janitors will be inevitable when the new building is opened; but the committee do not expect the cost of maintenance of the department to be increased; in fact we have asked for slightly less than was asked in 1926.

For the School Committee:

ALBERT R. SHEPARDSON, Chairman
HAROLD A. CARNES
MALCOLM C. DAVIS
JOSEPHINE L. FOWLER
RUTH A. LUMSDEN
MARION B. TEMPLE

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, 1926

To the Honorable, The School Committee
of the Town of Reading, Massachusetts.

In several respects, the year of nineteen hundred twenty-six appears to have been a very important one in the progress of the Reading Public Schools. In the future, seen in perspective, this year is likely to be regarded as the beginning of a new epoch ushered in by four outstanding developments: 1—Changes in the School Committee and its procedures, including the accession of a new chairman and two new members, a new form of organization as committee of the whole without standing sub-committees, new rules and regulations based on the recommendations of the state department of education, and weekly meetings of the school committee for the authorization of expenditures, approval of bills, receiving of reports, conference with the superintendent and other employees, and the consideration of any other matters pertaining to the welfare of the schools. 2—The adoption of the three-year Junior High School and the erection of a suitable new building for its use thereby incidentally relieving crowded conditions in the Elementary Schools by giving over the Highland School entirely for the use of elementary grades. 3—Extension of the Personnel Service to Pupils by organizing the Opportunity School of individualized instruction and learning by doing for the benefit of pupils not getting on successfully in class groups and by the addition of a new Assistant Director of Standards and Guidance in order to extend to other schools,—particularly to elementary grades—the methods of individualized instruction; to promote a more extensive use of objective and standardized tests in the Junior High School and the Senior High School; and to put into operation in the Junior High School and the Senior High School an adaptation of the Allen plan of pupil guidance used in the High School of Providence, R. I. 4—The beginning of Adult Education in Reading Public Schools by the opening of evening classes for adults in the Reading Opportunity School. Individualized instruction was given in these classes as in the other departments of this school. The aim of this method, either among children or among adults, is to make education a release of power from within rather than a mere imposition of fact from without and to give scope to this creative power of the individual uninterrupted and unhampered by the activities and requirements of other pupils. Education for adults in their spare time at public expense has received scant attention and support in the United States compared with some European countries, notably Denmark. Reading has neglected it heretofore altogether notwithstanding the example set by our near neighbors, Wakefield, Stoneham and Woburn, and many other towns and cities in this vicinity. Mr. Frederick P. Keppel writing in "The Yale Review" on "Education for Adults" says: "Our steps in the movement for adult education have been limited almost uniformly to those which will pay

* * * * and, in the great majority of cases, the enterprise is frankly commercial in character * * * *. It means an overwhelming emphasis on vocational courses in which the student can see a quick return for his investment." These vocational courses have "overshadowed and even tended to stifle the educational opportunities which prepare one for living rather than for gaining a livelihood." "What nationally we lack the most, as I see it, is the habit and in most communities the opportunities as well—of consecutive study in some subject for its own sake—history, literature, science, the fine arts, what you will—not to fill the pay envelope, directly or indirectly, but to develop in the student what experience has proved to be one of the most durable satisfactions of human life * * * *. This overwhelming emphasis on the vocational in our adult education isn't inevitable. In England and in Denmark, the two countries which have most to teach us, the most interesting work is being done in the non-vocational field * * * *. If we are not satisfied with things as they are and if we are not fatalists, it is, I submit, well worth while to turn our attention to adult education, not as a means of bringing about the millenium but as an agency of very definite importance in making life better worth living for the American Citizen." Dr. Joseph K. Hart, Educational Editor of "The Survey" in his monumental volume on "Adult Education" says: "Some take education lightly as if it were a luxury in the general scheme of things. It is not. The task of education —not of children but of the race of men—is the real task of the future—if there is to be a future of our civilization. For this is the undeniable fact: The mind of our age is not equal to the problems of our age * * * Education is the hardest task facing the human race. It is the task of saving civilization from its own stagnations, its own complacencies, its own dogmatisms, its own decay. It is the task of releasing the inner forces of life; imagination, growth, thought, aspiration, belief in life—so that the healing and vitalizing processes of nature can get onward." Hitherto Reading Public Schools have not been doing their part in this great enterprise so far as it relates to the Education of Adults.

A Brief Review of 1924 and 1925

In the school report for 1924 it was said that "we are in the midst of a period of critical, scientific study and re-organization of education with respect to both its main objectives and its methods of procedure * * * *. The new education aims to educate the whole child, to organize his life and enable him to use his powers with hundred per cent. functioning for promoting the welfare of the world and therein achieving his own happiness and the abiding satisfaction of living. Such a fundamental re-direction of education involves more or less re-organization and re-adjustment of the educative process." In the same report is a brief summary of the agencies then existing in the schools themselves and of the co-operative agencies outside the schools which were contributing to improved child guidance and the promotion of the new ideals of education. In the school report for 1925 two major problems of our school

situation were presented and discussed: "A suitable building program to satisfy the present and prospective requirements" and "the improvement of school methods and procedures to keep pace with the increasing difficulty of pupils in adjusting themselves to life situations in a civilization constantly becoming more complex and worldly wise."

Advancement in 1926

The year nineteen hundred twenty-six has given increased momentum and scope to efforts to put these policies as outlined into practical operation. The advancement in this work this year has taken the form in part of a greater use of knowledge of the individual pupil gained from intelligence tests and achievement tests and in part of changes in the curriculum and in the text books furnished the pupils for study and for guidance in their projects. During the past year over fifty pupils, whose achievement tests indicated a maturity two or more years ahead of the grade they were in, were given special instruction for rapid advancement and received at the end of the year a double promotion. The work of these pupils after the double promotion has been carefully checked up individually by the Director of Standards and Guidance and I am informed that everyone is succeeding well. This saves a year of their lives for more advanced study or for creative work, and, what is more important still, stimulates these pupils to extend themselves: that is, to use their abilities at their optimum capacities instead of "taking it easy" or dawdling or drifting. The other pupils who did not receive double promotions were benefitted also through a reduction in the size of classes and by more homogeneous grouping with consequent improved adaptation of the instruction to their individual needs.

A steady drive has been made to distinguish between tool-knowledge which is indispensable to the pupil for solving problems, accomplishing projects, and for further advancement (for example, the multiplication tables) and mere exercises of solution of problems which apply knowledge previously acquired. Drills and projects are of course desirable and necessary in their places but pupils should not waste time and energy drilling over and over on things they already know nor should they be obliged to stand idly waiting for their slower companions to catch up. The tool-knowledge should be mastered by each one individually, one hundred per cent. perfect, and the time allowed each child should be suited to his individual requirements, regardless of the time needed by others. When the test is passed, the pupil should be given at once the next assignment. The application of tool-knowledge in the solution of problems or in projects may be individual or it may be in co-operative group activities. The integration of the individual to function efficiently in team-work is one of the most important ultimate objectives of education but this is taught best generally in creative enterprises and group projects rather than in connection with the acquisition of the basal knowledge and skills which are the tools for solving problems and accomplishing projects or are fundamental to the understanding of the more advanced phases of the subject. We are chiefly indebted to Superintendent Washburne of Winnetka, Illinois, for

our plans for individualizing the teaching of tool-knowledge but we have received valuable suggestions also from Superintendent Stoddard of Bronxville and Scarsdale, New York, from Assistant Superintendent Spain of Detroit, from the Principal of the Dalton, Massachusetts, High School, Mr. Ernest D. Jackman, and from numerous books and magazines including Wilson's "Education for Responsibility," Agnes de Lima's "Our Enemy the Child" (a condensed outline of the methods in vogue in the principal experimental schools in the United States), Superintendent Washburne's "New Schools in the Old World," and Miss Hamaide's "The DeCroly Class," J. M. MacKinder's "Individual Work in Infant Schools," Collings' "Experiment with a Project Curriculum." Russia has organized its entire school system in a manner similar to that described by Collings and worked out in practice by the Walden School, New York City, and the Edgewood School for Organic Education at Greenwich, Connecticut. Homogeneous grouping approaches the problem of adapting instruction to individual needs from the direction opposite to that of individualized assignments. Both methods are of value. We have done most in homogeneous grouping in the first grades and in the Junior High School. We have individualized the work throughout the Opportunity School and in certain classes in the Junior High School and a beginning has been made in the Senior High School and in some of the elementary classes. The technique of procedure is based on a division of essential tool-knowledge into assignments which will be in a form that will enable the pupil to proceed, after the assignment, under self-direction (as in a correspondence course) and to check his results enough to estimate his own progress and determine when he should be tested. The second step is to prepare and administer standardized diagnostic tests covering every essential of the assignment. Any failure of the pupil in this test will indicate precisely the part of the assignment which he has not yet mastered. These tests should be divested of every non-essential and one hundred per cent. should be required for passing.

Curriculum Changes

The modifications of the subject matter of the curriculum that have been made and the necessary text books introduced to carry out these changes have been in the general direction of presenting the subjects in a manner that will enable the pupils to understand more clearly the relation of the facts learned to real life-situations and thus to gain more rapidly the power to apply this knowledge to practical problems within their own experience and observation. This is sometimes called socializing education because it aims to make the pupil capable of functioning more successfully in his various relationships as a member of society. Social studies in grades seven, eight and nine include the subject matter of geography, history, and civics presented as a single subject setting forth how the human race lives in the world and adapts itself to its environment. We are using the outlines of Social Studies published by Professor Rugg of Columbia University. General Mathematics in a similar manner combines arithmetic, simple geometry, and algebra in the Junior High School.

The Schorling-Clark textbooks are used in grades seven, eight, and nine. Pupils electing Business Practice, Manual Training, or Household Arts have practice in applied problems in the arithmetic appropriate to their course. The curriculum in geography in grades three, four, five, and six has been re-arranged and "Human Geography" published by the John C. Winston Company has been introduced. Carefully graded readers in variety are being introduced so that each pupil in the class will have a different book and exchange it when it is finished. A list of all books read at school, at the library, or at home, is kept by each pupil as he progresses through the grades. Silent reading is taught as preliminary to learning to study. The Zaner method of penmanship has been introduced. This is a scientific method and makes use of many devices for improving the pupils' work and accurately determining results. A new system of teaching music based on a unique plan of starting the work with beginners has been introduced. The development of the work in the higher grades also has many new and excellent features. The musical selections are carefully chosen and consist largely of standard music that has stood the test of long continued use rather than improvised selections merely for drills. It is the Progressive Music Series published by Silver Burdett & Company. New elementary histories have also been placed in grades four, five, and six. United States History is taken up in grades four and five and "The Story of Civilization" in the sixth grade. New text books in Hygiene have been introduced in grades three to six inclusive. The school nurse suggests the opening of an open-window room for the pupils who are malnourished particularly the children who attend the Southern Middlesex Health Camp and frequently "slump when the child returns to the home after a period of treatment at a sanatorium or camp." A room at the Center School is all fitted for an open-window class. In September when the Junior High School leaves the Highland building there will be rooms enough for elementary grades so that this room at the Center School could be taken for that purpose if a teacher is provided. Such a room could be ungraded and organized like the Opportunity School for individualized assignments. There were thirteen at the summer health camp but there are other children of the same type in the schools. Enough could be found probably to warrant the employment of a teacher's whole time.

I would call attention to the several important reports of principals and other supervisory officers. I would be glad to comment further on some of them and to outline what we hope to accomplish in the re-organization incidental to the opening of the new Junior High School building, but will reserve that for another time in order not to make this report too voluminous.

I feel that much important progressive work is being done in the different departments and I wish to thank all the teachers and others who have co-operated so heartily in a situation that requires creative effort and real devotedness to the cause of educational efficiency. I also wish to thank the School Committee for their generous consideration and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted, ADELBERT L. SAFFORD, Supt.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Adelbert L. Safford,
Superintendent of Schools,
Reading, Mass.

Dear Sir:—I hereby submit my yearly report for the twelve months ending December 31, 1926.

We experienced this year the usual enrolment increase, that is, about twenty-five pupils. This increase is rather constant and should be reckoned with for several years to come. Next year, due to the withdrawal of the Freshman or ninth year from the Senior High School, the increase will probably not be as great. It is also possible that when the ninth year becomes the final year in the Junior High School that many pupils will consider their education complete after graduating from the Junior High School, and I fear that many parents, due to social or economic pressure, may feel the same way about the matter. It is to be hoped that this will not be the case.

Ever since it became evident that Reading was to be so fortunate as to have a regularly constituted three-year Junior High School the Principal of that institution and the Principal of the Senior High School have spent many hours planning and perfecting a continuous scheme which will bring about, they hope, a smooth, interlocking and happy working policy between the ninth and the tenth year of secondary education. It is not my province to go into the details underlying the Junior High School and doubtless these policies will be ably presented in the report of the Junior High School Principal, nevertheless it seems well to call your attention to the fact that colleges still require fifteen units of prepared work for entrance. Since the maximum of four units per year is all that can be reasonably expected from even the best students it, therefore, becomes evident that the burden of the ninth year college preparatory work will devolve upon the Junior High School. This may to a certain extent cramp the activities of that institution in its broader terms, but until the college accepts twelve units for entrance there must be a compromise in this matter. There are signs that the colleges may in the near future consider only the three years of preparatory work in the Senior High School as necessary for entrance. This of course would be ideal, for not only would it leave the Junior High School unhampered by the necessity for preparation for entrance examinations, but it would also more definitely standardize the work in the Senior High School for those who wish to prepare for college.

Transfer of Teachers

It is evident that when the three year Junior High School becomes operative and thus automatically reduces the number of pupils in the Senior High School by the number in the Freshman Class, the staff of the Senior High School will be reduced. The number of subjects taught in the High

School rather than the number of students withdrawn must be the index for estimating the size of the staff. As the groups in the Senior High School go on from the ninth to the twelfth year their size decreases and the per capita teacher requirement becomes greater. In addition to this, the upper grades have a greater diversification of subjects. By a proper manipulation of the curriculum five teachers can be transferred from the Senior High School staff to that of the Junior High School. The present Senior High School staff is composed of well trained and experienced teachers, and they should be a valuable addition to the Junior High School staff.

Tests and Examinations

An idea that is now rather widely distributed among the educational circles of the United States is that old type essay examinations are not true tests of the pupil's knowledge of facts and his ability to apply these facts in a creative way. This idea has led to the development of the so-called new type examination. The new-type examination differs from the old type in that it has a relatively large number of key questions to be answered in a few words, while the old type examination requires long explanatory written answers to a relatively small number of questions. Some educators of authority feel that the new-type tests are no improvement over the old-type tests in that they do not allow for creative thought on the part of the pupil. These tests, however, have met with such success in many high schools of good standing that we have incorporated them into our plan of work. It is the belief of the writer, based on some three years of checking and observation, that the new-type examination deserves a place in our school along side of the old type. The one is an accompaniment for the other, and a certain stimulating effect is produced in both teacher and pupil in their combined use. One of the marked results of the combined test is the fact that these tests have brought out in many instances the judgment of the teacher in regard to the pupil's rating and ability.

The younger teachers find these new-type tests even more useful than the experienced teacher because they themselves lack experience in writing examinations. Many of the new-type examinations are on the market and can be purchased at a relatively small cost, the advantage of purchasing them being that in the first place they are made out by experts in their subject, and secondly they are unbiased. Some of our more experienced teachers are able to make out their own new-type examinations. We have devoted some of our teachers' conferences to this matter and will continue to study along this line as indiviuals and in groups.

Preparation and College

As this paper is being written the reports regarding grades received by the Reading High School students in attendance at the various colleges are coming in. In many instances these reports are extremely good, and in no case is failure reported. Preparation for college was pointed out in detail last year. Preparation for college is a co-operative effort between

the pupil and the teacher. We are indeed fortunate to have a corps of teachers who are thoroughly familiar with the college entrance requirements and who are able, because of their interest and experience, to vary the instruction to suit the individual needs of the pupil. They devote a great deal of outside time to the coaching of pupils for these entrance examinations. This coaching is necessary if a high standard of entrance is to be maintained for four years is hardly a sufficient time without this extra work to prepare for the modern examinations. On the other hand, many of our pupils who have sufficient ability to do college grade work fail to get ready for college because they will not sacrifice the necessary time to preparation. Home work is regularly assigned to every class in the High School except in Drawing, Manual Training and Typewriting. Naturally the teachers have no control over the time of the pupil after he leaves the school and it is only through the thorough-going co-operation of the parent who sees to it that a proper place is provided at home for undisturbed study that good daily preparation can be accomplished. It is the parent and only the parent who can see to it that the student devotes to his home work a sufficient amount of time to master it. Sufficient time for one pupil may not be half enough for another. One National Survey gives the following estimate based on many thousand cases of the amount of time required for lesson preparation. For each of the languages 1½ hours, for Latin somewhat more time, History 1 hour, Mathematics ½ hour to ¾ hour. It will thus be seen that the minimum time for preparation is three hours per day. In most cases this minimum is not sufficient if perfect daily work is to be the result, and as has been intimated, perfect daily work is the basis of proper college preparation.

Another important factor connected with independent home preparation is that the student becomes self-reliant and is thus able to develop to a higher plane in life. Many pupils can give the correct answer to mistakes they have made if the mistakes are pointed out. These same students, however, fail to discover mistakes if left to themslves. This habit of dependence is one that the school must teach the pupil to overcome, and for this reason frequent tests are given. There is no one to help a student when he takes entrance examinations, and the colleges judge as much of the pupil's fitness for college work from the method and originality of attack as they do from the pupil's knowledge of the facts involved. It is the experience of the writer that in many cases pupils who have A grade minds and do B grade work are young pupils. They lack experience in life and their tendency to depend on mother's or teacher's help when they encounter difficulties in their school work often hinders them from "carrying through." It is essential for those who wish to successfully enter college and profit by their stay there that they be taught to grow in independence, self-direction and skill in study. Professor Frank W. Thomas of the State Teachers' College, Fresno, California, says "one great fact in our school system that furnishes both the necessity for proficiency in studying and the opportunity for acquiring it is the American plan of text book instruction." It is the pupil's essential problem to find what he

wants from the printed page, just as he will often need to do in later life. Even in the "project" type of instruction which is being used more and more in modern education, the ability of the pupil to accomplish intelligently the incidental reading and study involved, is essential to success.

Block and Time Assignments

In several of our departments we are working with a Block and Time Assignment. That is, a block of work is assigned over a period of time and the student may progress as fast as he can, perfect work and understanding being the only check to his progress. This system is not new to the Reading Schools, having been in operation in the Junior High School for some time. It is a system, however, that needs careful working out, and one in which the teaching technique must be perfectly developed. This system is being used in Mathematics and Commercial subjects. These subjects lend themselves more readily to this method. The results to date are satisfactory but the work has not been carried on for a sufficient length of time to warrant conclusive statements.

Music

It gives me pleasure to point out to you the splendid work that is being done by Mr. Woods, Director of Music. His pleasing personality, coupled with his ability to get pupils to enjoy music and his technical knowledge of the subject, has produced excellent results. It is to be hoped that next year more instruments and players will be available to augment the small but effective orchestra developed by Mr. Woods this year. We are now studying several schemes whereby instruments may be supplied to those who would like to learn to play them but who have not the means at hand to purchase them. Music has always had an important place in American education and Reading should continue to contribute her share by furthering this important subject in her schools.

Athletics

The High School athletic teams, both boys and girls, have had their share of victories in their competitive sports with other schools. These competitive games, however, are of an extra-curricular nature and a means to an end and not the end itself. These competitive games with other schools must not be confused with the true aim of athletics in secondary schools, which is, physical culture for all. To devote too much attention and time to the few that form a school team is no more justifiable than to devote a disproportionate amount of attention to the few pupils of highest scholarship with little care for the rest of the student body. We continue to bear in mind that we are not a training school for athletes, or for boys and girls who expect to make athletics their life work, but an institution which has for its object the development of the intellectual qualities of the mind and personality of the individual. A part of this development is through the physical development of the body for all the students. It is with the above objective in mind that our physical department is function-

ing and functioning well, and because of this attitude an opportunity is given every child in the High School to round out his growing form in a proper and healthy manner.

Guidance and Help

It is the desire of the teachers and administration of the High School to keep all pupils who enter through the entire course of four years. This is not possible for several reasons. In the first place many pupils withdraw from the High School every year for no other reason than inability to become adjusted. These pupils might be retained longer in school if they could be helped to understand themselves and were provided with work which they could profitably do and through which they could develop such capacity as they may possess. This is not an easy task, but it is one upon which the entire personnel of the High School is working, and one in which I am happy to say, progress is being made. Counselling and guidance in its various forms are resorted to as one means of adjustment. This is done not only in relation to studies and vocation but also in cases of personality mal-adjustment, inefficient habits of work and study, and emotional complications. We do not consider the child with reference to his intellect alone but consider him a personality that must be helped to grow properly.

Gifts

It gives me pleasure to make a public record of the beautiful gift of the Class of 1926. This gift, a State Flag of silk, is displayed in the hall opposite the silk United States Flag.

Respectfully submitted,

RUDOLF SUSSMANN, Principal.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL INSTRUCTOR, 1926

To **Mr. Rudolf Sussmann,**
Director of the Agricultural Department:

Dear Sir:—Reading is fast losing its right to be called a farming community. The specialist has appeared in agriculture just as in all other lines and no longer does one see a man trying to raise hay, hogs, cows, market crops, and hens on the same place. Instead he confines his activities to one branch of agriculture and sometimes to one single fruit, vegetable, or flower. This change is taking place here and has a direct bearing on the supervised work of this department. We try to give each boy an opportunity at as many kinds of work as possible in order that he

may decide which he likes best. Consequently, there has been more shifting from job to job to obtain practice than would be needed on the old style farm. The boys have worked for a market gardener, a florist, a dairyman, or a poultry man until they found what they liked best and then have kept on with that line.

I have felt that this shifting of supervised work gave a broader range and more general knowledge than that secured from the small project. Many of our boys come from the village and for most of these a small garden or poultry project is out of the question because there is no room for expansion. It is far better to work for a man who is doing things on a fair sized scale than to be content with a dozen hens or a quarter-acre garden.

The actual cash earned by the boys the past year is almost $1,000 more than what was earned the year previous. The membership has been larger this year also. We have lost fewer through the year and the present material seems equal to that of previous years if not better than any we have had for some time. I feel that the Agricultural Department has "earned its keep" this past year in its cash earnings, its help to the school and the community, and, most of all, in the impetus it gives to these boys who are not academic in their tastes but who find in this department a chance to use their hands as well as their heads.

The department is always glad to co-operate with any persons wishing work done in gardening, pruning, or care of grounds, as we can put some good boys at their disposal.

I wish to thank you and Mr. Safford for your cordial co-operation and assistance this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMON T. WHEELER, Instructor in Agriculture.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, 1926

Mr. A. L. Safford,
Superintendent of Schools,
Reading, Mass.

Dear Sir:—I take pleasure in submitting my fourth annual report as Principal of the Highland School. In my report of last year, I stressed changes which were being made in class-room procedure and called particular attention to the efforts of Miss Hood to place her English work upon an individual basis, by dividing the content of the eighth grade English into short period assignments, based upon three levels of achievement.

During the past year, we have placed stress upon individualizing the work in the various school subjects. Seventh grade English work has been placed upon the individual assignment plan, but differing somewhat in the details with the plan used in the eighth grade. Because of the immaturity of the seventh grade pupils, and in order to introduce the idea of individual work, more gradually, the assignments are planned to cover a shorter period of time, and more attention is given to group exercises, such as oral reading, drills for correct usage and grammar exercises.

Considerable progress has been made in the Mathematics department. The content of the seventh grade material has been revised into small units of achievement. This enables each pupil to progress as rapidly as he is capable of progressing, and assures that each pupil will do all the work required at least for minimum essentials. The same general plan is being introduced this year in part of the eighth grade work. Although the Mathematic teachers who are using the individual method differ somewhat in their technique, yet, at the present time this is desirable. Gradually the experiences of these teachers will help formulate a more standardized plan of procedure.

Although the subject of Social Studies does not lend itself as easily as Mathematics or even English, to individualization of work, yet the plan is being used to some extent in that department with success. Each week's work is centered around units of instruction such as communication, or results of the Industrial Revolution, and each pupil's investigation of the topic is directed by required reading, suggestive references and questions to be answered. Each pupil's work is carefully checked by means of special reports and short tests. Group discussions are introduced from time to time and the contributions of each pupil given credit. Once a week a grade forum is held in which the entire class participates. The grade forum permits inter-group discussion and special reports. Lantern slides have been used to good advantage and even moving pictures have been used on one occasion. Grade forum work centers upon the subject of study for the week and in a way summarizes the week's achievements.

One of the best bits of strictly individual work is found in connection with the use of the Washburne Individual Speller which was introduced last year in the seventh and eighth grades. At the beginning of the year, the whole class is tested over all the words listed for that grade. Each pupil checks in his own book words which he fails to spell correctly in the initial testing. This list of words upon which he has failed constitutes his spelling list for the year. Each week each pupil is tested upon the words he has been studying during that week and allowed to temporarily drop from his list words which he spells correctly. In the middle of the year each pupil is again tested over all the words he has been studying for the half year. This process is repeated at the end of the year. A pupil is not permitted to drop a word from his initial list until he has spelled that word correctly at least twice, with a space of time intervening between the testing periods. This system assures, first, that each pupil will study only those words which he does not know how to spell, second, that each pupil

will progress as rapidly as his efforts warrant. Third, it assures complete mastery of the words studied. The words contained in the Washburne Speller have been scientifically determined and it is considered one of the best lists published.

Excellent work of the individual method type is being done at the Opporunity School, housed at the Channell House. A detailed account of the work in this school has been made by Mrs. Carleton, who is in charge of the Opportunity School, and your attention is called to her report.

One of the biggest criticisms of the more common class-room procedure is the development of a merely receptive frame of mind on the part of the pupil. Pupils have acquired the habit of sitting back in their chairs and allowing the teacher to cram them with information. As a result they lack initiative, real self reliance, independence, and a creative point of view.

In the individual plan of instruction the teacher must learn to keep still, and give the pupils a chance to work for themselves. By carefully watching the progress of each pupil and through the individual conferences which take place constantly, the teacher learns to quickly determine the difficulty confronting the pupil and to make the suggestions or to give the help which is needed. This means that the teacher is always working constructively just where her services are most needed, and safeguards possibility of wasted effort.

The pupils learn to depend upon themselves. They learn to accept a job and carry it all the way through to completion. This kind of work fosters just the characteristics which the more common type of class-room procedure deadens. Under the individual plan of instruction it is impossible for the lazy pupils to hide behind the efforts of the more energetic pupils who are willing to recite for the whole group. Both the teacher and the pupil know every minute exactly where the pupil stands in regard to his achievement. The pupils show a much greater interest in their work than formerly. It is not an uncommon thing for a pupil to request admission to the Remedial Club or permission to stay after school to do extra work, when he finds himself falling behind in the amount of work required.

At present the teachers find that the individual plan of instruction requires more work in order to check the progress and achievement of each pupil, and to keep each pupil working steadily to the maximum of his ability. However, the results obtained are so much superior to those under the old plan of procedure that they would not consider a change of policy.

This year, for the first time, we have sent home to the parents a Social Integration card for each pupil, rating him upon certain characteristics, such as honesty, respect for authority, courtesy, etc. We are beginning to recognize that attention to such qualities is even more important than attention to the usual subjects in the curriculum. A boy's mark in arithmetic or English indicates a progress in the acquisition of certain information. The rating of the characteristics listed on the Social Integration card indicates what the boy or girl is. These characteristics

are the things which go to make up the individual's character, and are just as much a part of that individual as his arms or his legs. The world is not so concerned as to the individual's progress in his subjects as it is with the question as to whether or not we are turning out from our schools boys and girls with the right conception relative to their civic and moral obligations.

Student organization is gradually becoming more effective each year. The pupils are getting a better understanding of the idea, and are accepting their duties and responsibilities more effectively, and intelligently. The Department of Sanitation has done good work particularly in regard to the inspection and care of the class-rooms.

Plans have been carefully made to integrate the ninth year with the Junior High School unit. By careful planning with the Principal of the Senior High School, we believe that this transition from the eighth to the ninth year and from the ninth to the tenth year will be made without maladjustment. The curricula offered in the ninth year will be practically the same as the curricula previously offered for the freshman class in the Senior High School.

In closing this report, I wish to express my appreciation to all who have contributed toward making the past year a successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND W. BLAISDELL, Principal.

REPORT OF CENTRAL DISTRICT SCHOOLS

Mr. Adelbert L. Safford,
Superintendent of Schools,
Reading, Mass.
Dear Sir:

At your request I am submitting this report of some of the new features of the work in the schools under my supervision.

The total number enrolled in the Union Street School in September, 1926, was 146. At the present time the number is 155. In the Center School 258 were enrolled in September, and now there are 270 enrolled.

In the Union Street School there are first and second grades, and in the Center School second, third and fourth grades. The pupils are very well graded this year due to achievement tests, which were given at the end of last year and the intelligence tests which were given to the pupils who entered the first grades. By the results of these tests the pupils were divided so that each group can progress as rapidly as they are able. If

the daily work of the pupil does not correlate with the tests, the pupil is given special attention to find out the reason why he is not doing as well as he ought.

With the youngest group of the first grade, the Courtis-Smith Picture Story Reading Lessons are used. It is very interesting to watch the progression of the pupils in this room. Each pupil works independently and progresses as rapidly as he can. At the present time ten of the twenty-five pupils have finished the first book and have read two other readers.

In the other first grades the Bolenius syestem of reading is used. This system is built around

1. Reading through Doing.
2. Reading through Games.
3. Reading through interpretation of Directions.

The diagnostic tests, which are a part of this system, aid the teacher in checking up the work, and she can more readily detect where the pupils are weak and can correct these weaknesses. Both systems appeal to the child's interest because they deal with his daily activities and experiences.

In the Center School this year there are two student teachers from the Salem Normal School. These teachers stay for ten weeks and are training especially in the second and fourth grades, but are observing the work in all the elementary schools.

The two students who came the first day of school had a chance to observe school organization and all the necessary details of enrolment and dividing the classes into groups. Later they had experience in testing sight and hearing of pupils.

Each day at recess they have charge of a group on the playground where they supervise the games. Some days they have had charge of the fifty children who bring their lunches.

At first they observe the work of the regular teacher, supervise the study periods and give individual instruction to backward pupils. Then they prepare one or more lessons each day until they have taught all the subjects. The regular teacher writes her criticisms of the lesson plans so the student can see where she is weak.

Then they have charge of a room for a day, first under the supervision of the teacher and then without the teacher. When the student teacher has had charge of the rooms, the regular teachers have had an opportunity to visit schools in other towns and they have brought back many new methods of teaching silent reading and arithmetic. We are using these new methods and they are proving very beneficial.

Besides observing the work in the elementary grades and giving lessons in the different rooms in the Center School, they have observed the work of the Opportunity classes, the work of the dental and habit clinics, the school nurse and attendance officer and have watched the giving of the intelligence tests and have helped correct the tests.

They have been taught how to keep the registers and make out monthly reports, so at the end of their practice teaching, I feel that they have a good idea of the different phases of the work.

The second period only one student was sent as the other one assigned here had moved from this district. She was to train in the fourth grade but at that time several teachers were ill so she was asked to do substitute work in the first four grades. This gave her charge of six different rooms and sixteen days of substitute teaching. This was fine experience for her and the work was not interrupted as she was accustomed to the methods and the pupils were used to having her in the room.

They have been a great help in assisting backward pupils as with over forty pupils, it is impossible for the regular teacher to give much individual instruction.

On Thursdays a student from the Posse-Nissen School of Physical Education gives half hour lessons in physical training in each of the ten rooms. It is part of her training to get the practice in the class room but I feel that we are fortunate in having her as the exercises and games she gives the pupils are a great help in the health work.

In spite of the fact that there were three new teachers and two others who had been transferred from other buildings so the work was new to them, I feel that the work is progressing remarkably well.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE WAKEFIELD, Principal.

REPORT OF OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

The work done at the Opportunity School which was opened last February had been, in large measure, an attempt to adjust the school to the individual needs of the pupils. The aim has been primarily to give each pupil an opportunity to do his best work in each subject which he studies, regardless of what grade under the old scale that work may be. It has been an attempt to discover what the specific needs of each child may be, to correct any bad behavior tendencies by eliminating their cause and above all to saturate the child's school day with opportunities to learn by doing.

When the children enter the school, tests are given to determine the exact amount of development made in each subject and to locate weakness. Remedial work is given to children who are having difficulty with special subjects. Sometimes the root of the trouble is found in a bad inferiority complex or in neglect of personal hygiene which causes lack of confidence and self-respect.

As different amounts of time are required by various pupils to master the various subjects, instruction was begun upon an individual plan. The children are allowed to progress at their own rate in the common essentials, arithmetic, spelling, reading, penmanship and English. Much atten-

tion is given to development of self-expression by means of dramatizing, art and basketry work, committees, gardening, and particularly in the running and upkeep of our school home. Definite duties are assigned to each pupil and the responsibility rests with the one to whom the task is assigned. This has done much to develop self-reliance and dependability among the children.

Instead of quantity of work being stressed, the quality is what counts and time is the variant among the different pupils. A child may take as much time as he needs to master a piece of work, but as the work is carefully selected to suit his ability, master he does, before going on.

Much opportunity is given to satisfy the individual desires of the children. Every boy who is interested in gardening is given his plot of land to plant. The fertilizer and seeds are furnished by the school, and to compensate, the boy donates some of his produce for the girls to can for the school lunches which are served during the winter.

In the fall the girls canned many quarts of fruit, tomatoes, beans and piccalilli. Some of these were sold and the rest stored in the school preserve closet. The boys raised enough potatoes to supply the needs of the school for two months.

The hot luncheons carefully planned from a health standpoint and prepared and served by the girls did much in improving the weight and health of some of the pupils who are underweight.

A regular bath schedule is carried out, and on the wall in the bathroom is posted the names of the children desiring hot baths and the time when they are scheduled to take them.

Tooth brushes and paste are kept in the desks of some children, who have not established the habit of brushing their teeth at home, and it is not uncommon to see a child hurry to the bathroom to brush his teeth before school in the morning.

Many such activities have been introduced in an attempt to make the school more like home and to carry over to it the same consideration for the child that he should get in his home.

The general conduct of the children appears to have improved because in the regular graded classes pupils who for one reason or another find that they are not suited to the work, try to compensate by attracting attention in mischievous behavior. In their new school they have become leaders in one line or another in which they are especially interested and consequently they have gained self-respect and are doing serious, conscientious work.

The kind of education that has been afforded for these children may materially affect their social and economic status in after life. If a child is trained into well established practices in regard to health, work and play, there is strong likelihood that these behavior tendencies will last.

Reading Evening School

An Opportunity Evening School for adults was opened in Reading on November first with a total registration of thirty pupils and two teachers.

The classes are held in the Grouard House School which, with excellent lighting and comfortable seating accommodations, meets the needs very well.

At registration each pupil was given an opportunity to express his choice of subjects and tests were given to determine his grade. His work began immediately at this point and each pupil is progressing at his own rate of speed regardless of what others in the class may be doing. Except when the members of a small group all need the same work, individual instruction is given, based wholly upon the needs of the pupil.

Although the registration might not seem to warrant the need, the interests of the pupils are so varied and extensive that a relief teacher was taken on temporarily. The following outline of subjects pursued may make this clearer:

English for Business, Advanced English Grammar, Elementary English, Americanization and Government, Commercial Arithmetic, Advanced Spelling, Intermediate Spelling and Reading, Elementary Spelling and Reading, Penmanship—Advanced and Elementary, Algebra, Advanced Arithmetic—Percentage, Mensuration, etc.

A noticeably fine type of pupils have registered and the Individual Plan Instruction seems to be working out very satisfactorily to them. A large amount of home work of a high grade is handed in each night by the pupils taking advanced work.

The Evening Program of Classes

Teacher 1, Period 1—Advanced English, Grammar, English for Business, Advanced and Intermediate Spelling, Advanced and Intermediate Penmanship.

Teacher 1, Period 2—Business Arithmetic.

Teacher 2, Period 1—Advanced Mathematics, Algebra.

Teacher 2, Period 2—Intermediate Mathematics, Elementary Mathematics.

Teacher 3, Period 1—Intermediate Mathematics.

Teacher 3, Period 2—Intermediate and Beginners' English, Intermediate and Beginners' Spelling, Americanization, Penmanship.

Undoubtedly these classes will form a nucleus for a larger and more extensive evening school in Reading in successive years and different types and interests of the people will be met.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPHINE H. CARLETON,

Principal of the Opportunity School.

REPORT OF STANDARDS AND GUIDANCE

Mr. Adelbert L. Safford,
Supt. of Schools,
Reading, Mass.
Dear Sir:

Whatever our personal opinions, the fact remains that educational ideals and practices are changing. While there is much of fad in some of these new ideas and much which is advocated has been only half thought out and is therefore useless, still if our Reading young people are to get the best possible educational fitting for life we are obliged to study these new movements and adopt whatever is of proven worth. Teaching methods, text books, examinations and report cards are being closely scrutinized with a view to improving the results obtained.

It is a fair question to ask the department just what we have accomplished. This can best be answered by giving specific cases rather than by indulging in glittering generalities. In January, 1926, several new rooms were opened to relieve the overcrowded conditions in some of our buildings. Aided by our testing program the teachers and directors were able to choose boys and girls who for various reasons should have been doing more work than they were. These were not necessarily the "A" pupils in their respective classes. Many of these "A" children are working as hard as they ought and to push them ahead would be to subject them to an unwise strain. Some are so young that it is impossible for them to be socially adjusted in an older group. Others again who were getting lower marks on their report cards had found the work so easy as to be uninteresting and were in danger of developing habits of mental laziness. In some cases they were proving to their teacher the truth of the old proverb, "Satan finds mischief for idle hands to do." These children were given an opportunity to go ahead as fast they wished, and in June were given another battery of tests and placed in the grade where they could work to the best advantage. Fifty-four pupils covered three years work in two. As it costs practically seventy-five dollars a year for the schooling of each child the town has been saved $4150. While the money saving is not our object, it is worth considering. The real benefit is that derived by the children themselves. A teacher noticed a girl who was taking no real interest in her work and who was getting only fair marks but who seemed capable of doing much better. She was given a series of tests and passed so high that she was advanced a grade at once and today she is one of our honor pupils. These accelerated pupils have had two sets of marks on their school work in their new grades and not one has failed to make good and many are on the honor list.

We have already graded the children so carefully that except for illness or unavoidable reasons hardly a child in our whole system fails and

is made to repeat a whole year's work. If he has been unable to accomplish all the regular work of his grade he is grouped with others who are at about the same place in their work and begins the next year where he left off in June. This means that as far as is feasible we have three groups in each grade. For example, take the 5th grade; the 5C will be composed of those who have not completed the work of the 4th year, the 5B who have done the whole work of the 4th year, and the 5A who have done the whole work of the 4th year plus a part of the 5th. This plan works equally well for all the pupils. The child who needs more time to thoroughly grasp new steps in his educational progress does not have to leave a subject half-mastered in order to keep up with his class, neither does the quicker pupil have time to learn bad habits by marking time while waiting for his class to catch up with him. Some by this method may reach the Junior High in five years, others in six, and others in seven, the latter having this extra time without repeating.

More and more as our plans mature we shall individualize the drill work so that each pupil can progress at his own rate, devoting his time to his individual needs and not spending time in places where he is already proficient. Perhaps this is best illustrated in spelling. In some classes the words for the week are dictated the first thing. The pupil who is a hundred percent does not spend any more time on them but is at liberty to do other work. The others instead of studying all the words concentrate upon those that they do not know. This should be equally true of all drill subjects. This means that the teacher must know the individual pupil as never before.

Every pupil in the 6th grade is being given a careful diagnostic test in the fundamental processes of arithmetic. This test reveals exactly the type of example where he needs extra drill and he is given a set of examples to strengthen that particular weakness. One boy who was getting "D" in his multiplication work proved to be making only one mistake. He did not know how to deal with the zero. Five minutes explanation, some special drill and his troubles were settled.

There is another side of this work which is being developed slowly but surely and that is a guidance program. To quote from the Providence Public School Bulletin, "A rapidly increasing amount of attention has been awakened throughout the country in the need of some efficient system of student guidance, especially in the high schools. When such guidance is neglected large numbers of students make serious mistakes in their choice of studies. They also need personal suggestion and advice to enable them to establish proper habits that will be helpful in school and throughout their lives. In the departmentalized program of the high schools, according to prevailing methods of the past, students pass from one teacher and subject to another during the day without much opportunity for personal relationship and general training." The Habit Clinic has been in session each month during the year and has rendered much help.

The Achievement Club work has had another successful year and this winter has been under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Perry. Two

of our girls won prizes in the county contest for "The Room Beautiful." Several members of the Poultry Club won prizes at the Boston Poultry Show. One boy held highest record in the county for egg production per bird for one of the winter months. Many thanks are due the Reading Grange for their co-operation with the work of the Garden and Canning Clubs.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all those whose sympathy and help have made this work possible.

Respectfully submitted,

IDA C. LUCAS, Director.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Mr. Adelbert L. Safford, Superintendent of Schools,
Reading, Massachusetts.

Mr. dear Mr. Safford:—In compliance with your request I submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1926, which was in many respects not so good a year for school attendance as some previous years have been. There was a great deal of absence caused by the so-called childish diseases, measles, mumps, and the like. Our average was a little over 90% for the whole town, with an average membership of 1,876 and an average attendance of 1,688 obtained from the teachers' registers. By schools the per cents. were as follows: Union Street School, all very small children, 87.4%; Center School, all below 5th grade, 92.1%; Prospect Street School, all grades to 6th inclusive, 92.5%; Lowell Street School, all grades to 6th inclusive, 91.1%; Chestnut Hill School, all grades to 5th inclusive, 93%; Highland School, grades 5 and 6, 94%; Opportunity School, 98%; Junior High School, 92%; Senior High School, 92%. The highest average for any room was at the Lowell Street School, Grade 6, 95.9%.

Tardiness, also, is rather in evidence. One room at the Prospect Street School has the greatest number of tardiness per pupil, while the Opportunity School, the Junior and the Senior High Schools also have rather poor records. A pupil has to be in his seat when the tardy bell rings in order not to be marked tardy. The teachers follow this ruling conscientiously and "let the chips fall where they will." Of course the faithful mothers can get younger children to school on time and do so in the main, but as the boys and girls come to Junior High and Senior High School ages and have to rely on themselves more, unless the schools co-

operate closely with the parents to prevent it, tardy marks become more common. Perhaps in earlier years mothers have been too much inclined to take this responsibility on themselves and our tardy marks should be in the registers of the lower grades rather than in the Junior and Senior High School records. We are trying to develop character and it seems to be a necessary thing to insist on regularity and pomptness in this endeavor.

The School Committee requires that teachers investigate and find out the reasons for non-attendance, tardiness, and dismissal. Written excuses from home are the best means of accomplishing this. The law states: Chapter 76, Section 2: "Every person in control of a child described in the preceding section shall cause him to attend school as therein required and, if he fails to do so, he shall, upon complaint of an attendance officer, be punished by a fine of not more than $20.00." Again, Section 4 says: "Whoever induces, or attempts to induce a minor to absent himself unlawfully from school, or unlawfully employs him or harbors a minor who, while school is in session, is absent unlawfully therefrom, shall be punished by a fine of not more than $50.00." It is therefore evident that parents and guardians cannot keep children home from school to help with the work, take care of younger children, go to Boston or on visits to relatives, etc., and that anyone harboring a child who should be in school is breaking the law. The School Committee in the same chapter as that from which the above quotations are taken is instructed to see that school attendance is strictly enforced. It is also laid upon the school authorities by the law to search out and report to proper persons all cases of children suffering through neglect of parents by reason of poverty, immoral conditions, unfitness of parents or others in charge, etc. This has been done a number of times this year and we have certain well known social agencies working on cases now.

Visits have been made by the attendance officer as in the past to find out why children were out of school. In some cases material help has been provided in the shape of clothing and other necessaries of life. The Town Visitor, Miss Brown, has co-operated with the School Department very cordially and acts as a sort of central information bureau concerning cases that come up. Many telephone calls have been made relative to attendance and often children have been sent to the office for the good that might come from a personal talk. On the whole there is little truancy. A few families have given most of this kind of trouble since the present officer took charge of the work. The example of older children in the family is hard to overcome and, as in most instances of truancy family conditions are largely responsible, it is hard to offset this early lack of training.

Working certificates have been issued, 143 in number, to those qualified who have applied for them. It is incumbent upon employers to see to it that minors in their employ have these certificates and it is plainly stated on the back of such certificates that an employer who fails to do so is liable to a fine.

In October the Freshmen girls, under the direction of Miss Wright, took the census, doing a very creditable piece of work. This census shows a total of 1936 between 5 and 21, distributed as follows: Boys 5 to 7, 118; Girls, 5 to 7, 126; Boys, 7 to 14, 477; Girls, 7 to 14, 482; Boys, 14 to 16, 127; Girls, 14 to 16, 139; Boys, 16 to 21, 244; Girls, 16 to 21, 223. Of this total about 1330 are in school in grades below High School, with an enrolment of about 565 in the Senior High School. The large number of pupils in school in Reading as compared with the number of school age found by the census shows in what a healthy condition we are educationally. We are repeatedly told by those who ought to know that Reading schools are doing progressive and farsighted work. If this is so, thanks are due to our public-spirited citizens who do not begrudge the schools money enough to do a good piece of work, to our splendid corps of teachers, to our self-sacrificing and intelligent committee, and to you, Mr. Safford, under whose sympathetic direction the enterprises we undertake are carried on. It is a great pleasure to help keep children in schools when you know they are getting something worth while there.

Respectfully submitted,

ABIGAIL H. MINGO, Attendance Officer.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. A. L. Safford, Supt.
Reading, Mass.

Dear Sir:—In submitting my report for the year ending December 31, 1926, permit me to thank you for your continued interest and support.

From the standpoint of education, health activities are fundamentally important. The Commission on Reorganization of Secondary Education, consisting of many of the foremost educators in the United States, names health as the first of seven main objectives of education.

The part which education plays in producing a healthy nation is larger than the public recognizes. The problem, then, is not in creating a health conscience in the school authorities, but rather one of arousing the public to recognize that the health needs of young people are of vital importance to society. It is difficult to change the habits and ideas of the adult population and one hope for the future lies in the present school population. "Young people who have had a life-long training in healthful living for themselves, and who have been thoroughly convinced of the importance of good health, will seek every possible means of safeguarding the

health of their children. For each generation of mothers and fathers to rear their children scientifically and healthfully, is to enrich our social heritage.''

The past year has seemed a steady development in the general health and physical welfare of the school children of Reading. This was due to the combined efforts of the teachers, the parents and the children. The teachers have assisted in the health work in every way possible; the parents have continued to co-operate and to avail themselves of the opportunities offered by the school nursing service; and the children have responded by the display of a wholesome and genuine interest in health matters.

The work has been carried on along the same general lines, divided roughly as follows: school visits, home visits, health supervision and teaching, and clinic work. Due to a large number of pupils there have been times of discouragement. The school population in Reading, nearing as it does the two thousand mark, together with an approximate three hundred in North Reading, presents a problem in view of numbers alone. In order to expand and extend the work to its full effectiveness, it would seem that some different arrangement will have to be made in the near future.

The health work in the school is gradually being tied up more closely with that of the pre-school clinic. This past summer a roll call was conducted by the clinic, and many children who were entering school in the fall were rounded up and examined. The advantage of this procedure is obvious, especially if defects noted at the time of examination are corrected before the children enter school. If this service could be extended to include all children entering school for the first time it would relieve the school physician of the necessity of giving physical examinations in the first grade and would permit him to cover other grades, possibly the fifth grade. Because the ratio of defects encountered in school examinations diminishes with the length of time in school it seems unnecessary and uneconomic to make routine physical examination of every child each school year.

The year has been free from serious epidemics. Measles and German measles were the cause of many of the absences due to illness. It is estimated that the average school child loses six days of school during the year due to illness. Two days of this sickness time are due to colds and other respiratory infections and the remaining four days to communicable diseases such as diphtheria, measles, etc., as well as headaches and stomach disturbances. It is commonly reported that 75% of school children suffer from some physical defects. These defects, directly or indirectly, are largely responsible for keeping children out of school as well as lessening their vitality and efficiency. Likewise in the case of communicable disease, it is considered that this class of diseases is at least 75% practically preventable dependent upon an educated public. Through the correction of such infective foci as diseased gums, tooth sockets, tonsils, naval cavities, etc., and through the co-operation of the parents in the matter of communicable disease control, a definite reduction in the illness rate could be

effected. Considering the matter purely from an economic standpoint there is much to be gained by a reduction of the absence rate due to preventable illness.

Because of the number of unvaccinated children in the Reading schools an effort has been made to carry out the law to the full extent. It is now required that each unvaccinated pupil present annually a certificate of exemption from his family physician. Since the ruling went into effect many have been vaccinated and practically all have complied with the requirement.

The examination service for underweight children maintained by the State Department was used again this past year. A clinic was held April 21, at which 81 were examined. The examination consisted of a complete physical, an X-Ray of chest and a Pirquet test. Defects were noted and recommendations as to diet and habits were made. A close check-up, including monthly weighing, has been kept of each child examined at the clinic. Follow-up visits have been made to urge the correction of physical defects and faulty health habits so that each child might be free to gain.

The summer health camp has come to play an important part in the care and treatment of the underweight child. Last year through the generosity of the townspeople and the various organizations enough money was raised to send thirteen children to the Southern Middlesex Health Camp, Sharon Heights, for a period of eight weeks. The aggregate gain of the Reading children was 68¼ pounds, with an average gain of 5¼ pounds. Again much credit is due to Mrs. C. C. White and the members of the Good Health Committee for their untiring efforts in raising the money. I would like to urge as a further program for the underweight child, the opening of an open air class at the earliest possible date. There are several children in Reading who have been at Westfield Sanitorium for varying lengths of time. These children, together with the children of the malnourished type, would undoubtedly benefit by a program such as is carried on in the open air schoolroom. This might, in part, help to solve the problem of the slump which so frequently occurs when the child returns to the home after a period of treatment at a sanitorium or camp.

This year saw a change at the Dental Clinic. Dr. Bates, who has been with us since the opening of the clinic in 1921, resigned, and Dr. S. Maxwell Beal, Harvard graduate, was appointed in his place. Dr. Beal's work has been of a very high order and we feel we are fortunate in having so able a successor to Dr. Bates. When the time of the clinic was increased to two days per week it was hoped that it would cover the needs of the clinic. It has been impossible even with the additional time, to take care of all the requests which we have for the clinic and there is always a long waiting list. Preference has always been given the younger children as the early years are the most important in any dental hygiene program. Possibly an age limit may have to be adopted in order to do the work in the most approved and scientific manner.

The annual diphtheria program was carried on in March and April. Reading is forunate in having a group of parents who are sufficiently well-

informed to appreciate and take advantage of these preventive measures which are comparatively new in medical science.

The course of study in health instruction is under consideration at the present time. The modern school, throughout the entire course, places the emphasis where it belongs—on positive health. The type of instruction in the first six grades should be the development of health habits; later, this work is supplemented by definite hygiene instruction, and an effort should be made to impart ideals throughout the entire course. Ideals alone will furnish the motivation which will lead the child to healthful conduct in later life.

The school has been rightly called a super-health organization—more and more we are coming to feel that it is only right that every child shall have a fair start in life. It obviously is the school's task to fit the child to do his duty as a citizen, physically, as well as mentally, morally and socially.

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL M. BROWN, R. N., School Nurse.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING

Mr. Adelbert L. Safford,
Superintendent of Schools,
Reading, Mass.

Dear Sir:—I herewith submit my fifth annual report for your approval.

In the schools of Reading the drawing begins in the first grade and continues through all the grades and in the High School. It is compulsory in the grades and elective in the High School. The general aims are as follows:

1. To teach the pupils to draw well and draw everything possible: birds, animals, people, objects, buildings, boats, trains, automobiles, fire engines, furniture, etc. A knowledge of perspective, a few simple rules, and a trained sense of observation help the child to draw better.

2. These people and objects must have color, so our second aim is to acquaint the boys and girls with the fundamental means of securing harmonious color. We also discover that color changes under different lights,—a red apple may look purple if placed in deep shadow, or it may look golden if placed in the strong sunlight. We learn to recognize good color harmonies in textiles, rugs, fine pictures, etc. The study of the color wheel helps. It gives us the grayed and brilliant colors, the complementary and split complementary harmonies, the analagous and triadic combinations, also the cold and warm colors. Yellow, we learn from historical and symbolic associations, expresses cheer and wisdom; orange is the flame color or knowledge color as it represents the lamp or the torch; red is

symbolic of love, of fire, of war, or anarchy. We may say "true blue" or "green with envy." Violet is our mystery color. Black and white are typical of light and darkness. Most nations consider black as a sign of sorrow or mourning. When two or more colors are used together, one color must dominate. The younger children have enjoyed finding such examples in nature; that is, in the coloring of fishes, butterflies, sea shells, birds, rocks, and insects.

3. To give opportunity for originality and inventiveness. Perhaps the design work has given the pupils the best opportunity, as they have applied their designs to objects. In the grades the pupils made Christmas cards, monograms, calendars, and many other things. In the High School they did batik work, making and applying designs to cloth with dye colors and a wax resist. Scarfs, handkerchiefs, and wall hangings were made.

4. To teach the regard for good composition; that is, good spacing, balance, and fine arrangement.

5. To cultivate the appreciation of beauty through the study of the works of art. Art makes common things more valuable. A flower pot is worth a few cents, a bowl of the same clay a few dollars,—a vase exquisitely formed and finely glazed and decorated, sometimes hundreds of dollars. The difference between a kitchen chair and a Chippendale chair is a matter of art. The cities of Europe are visited because they are beautiful works of civic art. The artistic home is the one that every person would choose. The difference is a matter of choice or taste. If the pupils wish to know how, they must know art, and we must teach them that it is one of the things in the world that is permanent. The art of Greece is still the glory of that great nation, as is that of Italy or France. Art enriches life, both for the individual and for the nation. We have spent several months this past year in the High School studying the master pictures of the world. It took the form of a lecture course terminating with an examination. Drawing was not necessary. The pupils kept their note books in good order, listing the master painters of each country, the Italian, French, German, Flemish, Dutch, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, English, and American. The lectures included the life of each master painter, a short account of his best work and the effect that his life and the century in which he lived had upon his work.

6. To cultivate general good taste and power to use that taste in regard to the home and dress.

7. To discover and direct talented boys and girls into appropriate occupations.

8. To co-operate with the school activities.

9. To help the children to live happily and to serve well. In all this work during the year just ended I have found the teachers ready to co-operate, the pupils interested and stimulating to work with, and you, Mr. Safford, always helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

M. ADELINE LAHAISE, Supervisor of Drawing.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Mr. Adelbert L. Safford,
Superintendent of Schools,
Reading, Mass.

Dear Mr. Safford:—This, my first report as Supervisor of Music in the Reading schools, must of necessity be a statement not so much of results achieved, as of plans for the future; ideals for attainment.

Music in the schools must mean much more than daily drilling in the theory of music notation and reading, necessary as these things are. If we cannot bring to the boys and girls a real joy in the study and performance of good music, then indeed do we toil in vain. But, properly presented, music of the highest order can be made of instant appeal and pleasure to even the first grade children, and to this end we are bending every energy. To still further assist in reaching our goal of ideal school music, we are now about to install a complete new music course throughout the schools. This course, chosen after careful thought and the examination of many others, will, I believe, be a mine of valuable music for training our youth in the right direction.

Modern Psychology has established the fact that there are three well defined stages in the physical and mental growth of children. First, the Sensory Period, commencing with infancy and extending perhaps through the third grade. A period marked by rapid physical growth, and a lack of finer mental and physical attainments. Imagination and imitation play a large part in the child's life. In music, the child must have an abundance of good rote songs; be taught to love good music and to enjoy performing it; to sing with light, mellow tones; to hear accurately, and to express accurately what it hears.

The second is the Associative Period, the time of great mental and physical activity; in music the period for independent work,—for here, if at all, individual power is to be realized. During this time, the use of beautiful songs with especial attention to tones must be continued. This period extends through the seventh grade.

The third, or Adolescent Period, marks the years in which molding of character and the forming of good taste are of great importance. At this time music seems to find its greatest problem, as does every subject. To interest these rapidly growing boys and girls, whose emotions dominate every action and thought, is a matter for careful study.

This is neither the time nor the place for further comment along these lines, except to state that it is our hope that, recognizing these difficulties, we may be instrumental in helping our young people in the development of high ideals in life and in music.

The Grade School

Throughout the grade schools great interest is being manifested by children and teachers alike in the singing and teaching, and when our new course is well in operation we shall need fear comparison with no other community as regards our music. The children, judging from their attitude when I see them, enjoy the music study, and look forward to the music period with pleasurable anticipation. Plans are under way for classes in violin to be begun shortly. There seems to be considerable interest in such a venture, and certainly the school orchestras of the future will receive a large benefit.

Junior High School

The Junior High School music is progressing splendidly. Great interest is evident in both classes. The senior class is doing four-part music, although the number of basses is small. A concert by this group is planned for the near future.

The orchestra is making commendable progress and will be heard with the Senior class in the concert mentioned.

I could hardly mention the Junior High School without voicing my satisfaction in the Music Appreciation Club. This should be spoken of here, because the influence of such a club is bound to be felt in later years.

Senior High School

The music of the Senior High School is principally of a choral nature. I hope and believe that the music periods are enjoyed by the entire student body.

At the present time, a special group is rehearsing in preparation for a performance of the opera, "The Chimes of Normandy," a very beautiful work by the French composer Planquette. Another group is working on concert numbers.

The school orchestra is handicapped by lack of variety in instrumentation, and also by the fact that many of the best players will not join. It will be my constant endeavor to have this condition change for the better. The playing of the orchestral group at the senior drama was most favorably received.

One last word. For the splendid co-operation of all the pupils, teachers and principals, and for your kindly, sympathetic, and understanding assistance, I wish to express my very great appreciation.

Respectfully yours,

C. FRANCIS WOODS, Supervisor of Music.

READING HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

CLASS OF 1926

High School Hall
Friday Evening, June twenty-five
at seven forty-five o'clock

PROGRAM

CONNECTICUT MARCH — Nassann
High School Orchestra

PRAYER—Rev. Marion F. Ham

CHORUS—"Unfold Ye Portals" — Gounod
High School Chorus

Salutatory

"WORK CONQUERS ALL"
Nelcena Copeland
*Charles E. Ellis

CHORUS—"Fall on Me Like Silent Dew" — Coleridge Taylor
High School Chorus

TORCH ORATION
Charles R. Jones, Class of 1926

ESSAY
*Muriel Mussells, Faculty Honors

PIANO SOLO—"Country Gardens" — Percy Granger
F. Albert Simpson

ESSAY—"Cecil Rhodes"
Russell Barnes

CHORUS—"Cadets on Parade" — Lowe-Page
High School Chorus

Valedictory

REVALUATION
Frances Porch

CONFERRING DIPLOMAS
Albert R. Shepardson, Chairman of School Board

BENEDICTION—Rev. Wesley G. Huber

MARCH MILITAIRE — Shubert
High School Orchestra

*Excused from essay on account of illness

CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS, 1926

Agricultural Course

Richard Cummings

College Course

Helen Moore Abbott
Margaret Adams
Cornelia Ella Cell
Harold Cohen
Charles Edward Ellis, Jr.
Frances Fowler
Harlan Judson Hook
Wendell Winslow Horton
John Brooks Howard, Jr.
Robert Moyer
Muriel Elizabeth Mussells
Lawrence Arthur Partelow
Frances Porch
Helen Christina Reed
David Harry Riseman
Esther Marian Southwick
Sherwood Alanson Upton
Shirley Upton

Commercial Course

Margaret Babine
Helen Badger
Aldana Elizabeth Burrows
Phyllis Roberta Clark
Helen Margaret Conefy
Nelcena Hamilton Copeland
Dorothy Gertrude Cronin
Annie Crowell
Helen Zaida Dickinson
Leone Grace Doucette
Alice Elizabeth Englund
Margaret Fitzpatrick
Eleanor Fultz
Constance B. Hendon
Doris E. Kenney
Evelyn L. Lewis
Henry Alvah Lyman
Dorothy W. McClintock
Edith C. Mellen
Elizabeth S. Mercer
Virginia H. Merrill
Kathleen H. Merritt
Mabel E. Merritt
Marion R. Meuse
Marion Gertrude Scanlon
Mildred Agnes Scanlon
Paul Wilson

Fine Arts Course

Frank Albert Simpson
Jeannette Underwood

General Course

Elizabeth Berry
Henry James Carleton
John Condon
Winthrop Lawrence Cutcliffe
Walter Doucette
Fletcher Nichols Eames
Virginia Gould Forbes
Ernest Robert Gaw
William James Gaw
Doris Gertrude Goddard
Elmer Alfred Goodwin
Frank Graupner
John E. Ingalls
Donald Lyons
Allan R. Maxwell
Cora Frances McIntire
Melvin Russell Meikle
Hazel I. Morrison
Virginia Parsons
Thomas Phillips
John Spear
Katherine Lynwood Sweetser
Ella G. Weale

Normal Course

Florence Emma Baker
Lois Elva Baker
Marcia Ham
Anna Louise Richardson

Scientific Course

Russell Arthur Barnes
Walton Temple Crocker
Edwin James Doherty
Albert Cleaves Hodson
Charles R. Jones
Frank Woodworth Norton
Garrit Oldenbrook
Boyd Hanson Stewart
Otis Parker Symonds
Walter Clarence White

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS 1926

Ainsworth, Bertha Muriel
Allard, Almon
Allard, Elizabeth Wiswell
Anderson, Eva May
Anderson, John
Ashley, Myrtle Georgianna
Austin, Earline Hussey
Berry, Marjorie Ellis
Benjamin, Evelyn Myrtle
Birnie, Sadie Mary
Black, Althea Annie
Brennon, John Duncan
Browne, Arlene Clayton
Buffum, William Safford
Burhoe, Richard Holmes
Burnham, Franklin William, Jr.
Burns, George Richard
Burpee, William Edward
Burrage, Elizabeth
Carney, Bartholomew
Carter, Ralph Challenor
Carter, Victor Raymond
Chase, Warren Douglas
Colley, Helen Ethel
Connelly, Mary Agnes
Conti, Elna Virginia
Coolidge, Dorothy Bradford
Cummings, Joseph Arthur
Davis, Florence Mae
Defarrari, Doris Rose
Demain, Robert Hyatt
Desmond, Louise Aloysuis
Doiron, Wilfred Henry
Dooley, Phyllis F.
Doucette, Byron Francis
Doucette, Evelyn Rosalie
Doucette, Joseph Harold
Doucette, Sylvester Joseph
Doucette, Timothy William
Downs, Herbert Benjamin
Dulong, Mildred Gertrude
Driver, Anna Kathleen
Ellis, Grace Elizabeth
Farpelha, George Joseph
Felton, Arthur Pratt
Fife, Charles Truesdell, Jr.
Flaherty, Margaret Mary
Fleming, Eileen Elizabeth
Fletcher, Warren Lewis, Jr.
Folsom, Ruth
Frost, Marguerite
Frotten, Isaac Louis
Gallant, Joseph Arthur
Gascoigne, Albert Person Edward, Jr.
Gascoigne, Edward Joseph
Gluflin, Mary Catherine
Goodwin, Edith Louise
Graupner, Frederick William
Greene, Margaret Elizabeth
Greenwich, Wanda Mary
Griffin, Agnes Frances

Hach, Hazel Dorothy
Harris, Charles Boardman, Jr.
Hatch, Caroline Elizabeth
Heald, Elmer Lawson
Herrick, Esther
Heselton, Charles Robert
Hickey, Gertrude Cecila
Hilts, Edith Marion
Hodges, Frank Edmund
Holter, Arnold Gunner
Hussey, Audrey Whitney
Ingalls, Walter Frederick
Iverson, Evelyn Solveig
Iverson, Roy Norman
Jeffrey, Elizabeth Hillman
Johnson, Charles Walter
Kelly, George Carlton
Knight, John Lawrence
Larrabee, Kenneth George
Levine, Dora
Long, Ellsworth Victor
Lovejoy, Kenneth George
Low, Stanley Herbert
Mathieson, Frances Louise
MacKinnon, James Nigel
Melendy, Dorothy Evelyn
McLeod, William Harold Collins
Menovitch, Martin
Merritt, Elmer Bradford
Merritt, Francis Sumner
Mount, Joseph Warren
Murphy, Henry Arthur, Jr.
Nichols, Leonard Frank
Nichols, Lionel Strout
Noyes, Eleanor Martha
O'Brien, Nelson Paul
Parker, George Stevens
Parker, Marguerite Louise
Parker, Philip Goddard
Perry, Dorothy Thelma
Phillips, Harold Francis
Phinney, Carlton Clifford
Poole, Alice Colby
Pratt, Edith May
Riley, Francis Paul
Riseman, Sadie Dorothy
Roxbee, Ralph Eliott
Sardell, George Richard
Sheehan, James Francis
Sias, Donald Bragdon
Skidmore, Earl Francis
Smith, Helen Mildred
Smith, Virginia Constance
Spurr, John Abram
Stanley, Edward Palmer
Stone, Marion
Straka, Chester Ervin, Jr.
Taylor, Stuart Franklin
Tebeau, Frank Sylvester
Tedeman, Charles Frank
Temple, Allan Buck
Trevor, Phyllis
Upton, Joshua
Walker, Helen Frances
Weafer, Margaret Chase
Weigmann, Lois Anna
Westcott, Jessie Gertrude
White, Blanche Mary
White, Clarence Joseph
Wile, Grace Alma
Woods, Jennette Elizabeth
Wright, Dorothy Mary

TEACHERS IN SERVICE, DEC. 31, 1926, WHERE EDUCATED, YEAR APPOINTED

Also Enrolment for Four Months Ending December 31, 1926

School	Grades or Subject	Names of Teachers	Where Educated	Year Appointed	Salary	Total Enrolment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance
	Superintendent	Adelbert L. Safford, M. A.	*Bates College	1913	$3800	2018	1909.88	1798.6	94.
High School	Principal	Rudolf Sussmann, B. S.	Conn. Agric., M. A. C., B. U.	1917	3300	551	545.5	510.6	93.5
	Phys. Tr., Civics	Joseph A. Aldred, B. S.	Bowdoin College	1925	2200				
	Mathematics,	George D. Anderson	Mass. Inst. Technology, B. U.	1926	1900				
	Com. Eng., Geog.	Elizabeth A. Batchelder	Salem Normal	1916	1900				
	M. Tr., Mech. Dr.	Alfred Boehm	Trade School, Hamburg, Germ'y	1920	2200				
	English	Clarissa I. Brown, B. S.	Boston University	1924	1500				
	Asst. Com. Dept.	Elva A. Buckley	Bay Path Institute	1924	1700				
	Head Eng. Dept.	Lyla R. Davis, B. A.	Ohio Wesleyan University	1925	1900				
	B'kkeeping, Pen.	Alberta F. Drury	Salem and Posse Normal	1917	1900				
	Sten. and Type.	E. Frances Greenhalgh	Willimantic Nor., Bay Path Inst.	1914	1900				
	Mathematics	Luke Halpin, A. B.	Bowdoin College	1922	2200				
	English	Maveret Hughes, A. B.	Syracuse University	1926	1700				
	Spanish, German	Lillian Jefts, B. A.	St. Lawrence University	1917	1900				
	French and Latin	Helen G. Kershaw, A. B.	Radcliffe College	1919	1900				
	Sec. Supt., Dean	Abigail H. Mingo, A. B.	Boston Univ., Chandler Sec.	1918	2000				
	Phys. Training	Lydia A. Nelson, A. B.	Syracuse University	1925	1800				
	Sci., World Hist,	Ruth Osborne, B. A.	Wheaton College	1926	1300				
	Head Sci. Dept	Frederick J. Pope, B. S.	Colby College	1922	2200				
	French	Marian T. Pratt, A. B.	Wellesley College	1919	1900				
	Eng., Math.	Margaret Richardson, A. B.	Bates	1926	1300				
	Latin	Mildred B. Sussmann, A. B.	Radcliffe College	1919	1900				
	History	Russell P. Taylor, A. B.	Bates	1922	2200				
	French, English	Eleanor L. Warren, A. B.	Wellesley College	1925	1600				
	Biol., Civ, Health	Ellen S. Wright, B. A.	Mt. Holyoke College	1926	1300				
	Agriculture	Herman T. Wheeler, B. S.	Mass. Agricultural College	1924	2000				
	Principal	Raymond W. Blaisdell, A. B.	Bates College	1923	3100				
Highland and Junior High	Math., Asst. Prin	Emma S. Page	N. H. State Normal	1899	1900				
	French, English	Ramona Beil	Mt. Ida School, plus courses	1924	1500				
	English	Doris G. Blaisdell, A. B.	Tufts College	1925	1700	36	35.2	33.97	96.31
	Cooking	Elizabeth Chalmers	Practical Arts High, plus courses	1924	1500				
	Gen. Science	Marion Day	Beverly High, plus courses	1924	1700				
	Drawing	Eleanor F. Emerson	Salem Normal	1915	1700	43	43.15	41.55	96.29
	Manual Training	Lyman E. Fancy	Mass. Nor. Art	1918	2000				
	Social Studies	Lestina M. Goddard	Gorham Normal	1920	1700	46	44.66	43.30	96.96

TEACHERS IN SERVICE, DEC. 31, 1926, WHERE EDUCATED, YEAR APPOINTED

Also Enrolment for Four Months Ending December 31, 1926 (Continued)

School	Grades or Subject	Teacher	Where Educated	Year Appointed	Salary	Total Enrolment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance
Highland and Junior High	English	Alice E. Hood	Concord, N. H., Training School	1902	1700	49	48.57	47.53	97.86
	Sewing	Rita Lahaise	W. Roxbury High, plus courses	1921	1700				
	Mathematics	Inez H. Lewis	Gorham Normal	1923	1700	45	44.46	43.48	97.78
	Pys Tr, Hy, Math	Kenneth Lucas, S. B.	Mass. Inst. of Technology	1925	1800				
	Music, Eng, S St.	Louise B. Maxwell	Bridgewater Normal	1920	1700	40	39.08	38.05	97.36
	Pen, Soc. Studies	Ida F. Spencer	Farmington, Me., Normal	1925	1700				
	Eng., Bus. Prac.	Ethel S. Williams	Salem Normal	1922	1700	45	45.	40.10	88.16
	Phys. Training	Margaret E. Tyacke	Harvard School of Phys. Educ	1926	1600				
Grades	Grade 6	A. Louise Fogg	Colby College (2 yrs.)	1919	1500	40	39.33	38.54	97.83
	Grade 5	Matilda J. Gamble	Woburn High School	1920	1500	47	47.	45.08	95.75
	Grade 6	Carolyn C. Grace	No. Adams Normal School	1919	1500	42	40.04	38.35	93.75
	Grade 5	Annie W. Quillen	Salem Normal	1916	1500	92	30.	28.91	94.
	Grade 5	Margaret E. Whittier	Salem Normal	1916	1500	46	45.44	43.69	96.07
Center	Prin.Cen &Union	M. Grace Wakefield	Salem Normal	1890	2000				
	Grade 4	Vera Buckle, A. B.	Boston University	1915	1500	44	43.42	44.39	95.28
	Grade 3	Glenna Dow	Caribou High, plus summer work	1919	1500	36	35.24	34.38	95.53
	Grade 3	Genevieve Quinlan	Salem Normal	1921	1500	15	15.	14.57	97.32
	Grade 4	Genevieve Quinlan	Salem Normal	1921	1500	30	30.	28.53	95.11
	Grade 3	Helen G. Quinlan	Salem Normal	1915	1500	52	45.42	44.01	96.75
	Grade 2	Jessie Little	Bridgewater Normal	1926	1000	45	44.39	42.39	95.45
	Grade 2	Alberta Mathieson	Salem Normal	1924	1500	46	43.55	41.77	95.93
Union St.	Grade 1	Winifred Cochrane	Plymouth, N. H., Normal	1919	1500	46	43.59	41.69	90.22
	Grade 1	Addie A. Copeland	*Dover, N. H. H. S., plus courses	1925	1200	28	25.07	23.77	94.78
	Grade 1	Dorothy Newcomb	Aroosotok Rtate Mormal	1926	1000	46	43.57	39.53	91.26
	Grade 1	Dorothy E. Williams	Bridgewater Normal	1926	1100	19	19.	17.92	94.33
	Grane 2	Dorothy E. Williams	Bridgewater Normal			20	19.83	18.59	92.85
Lowell St.	Prin. and Grade 3	Nellie P. Beaton	*Danvers High	1919	1700	30	26.77	25 55	95 45
	Grade 4	Nellie P. Beaton	*Danvers High			21	19.03	18.32	96.2
	Grade 1	Dorothy L. Burgess	Lesley Normal	1926	1000	37	32.42	30.50	94.22
	Grade 2	Helen C. Laing	Lesley Normal	1926	1400	38	35.46	33.47	94.50
	Grade 5	Florence A. Potter	*Plymouth, N. H., Normal	1926	1400	24	21.97	21.08	95 88
	Grade 6	Florence A. Potter	*Plymouth, N. H., Normal			24	2.125	21.7	97.68

Prospect St.	Prin. Grade 2	Ada E. Dow	*High School, plus courses	1909	1700	26	25.76	26.06	97.23
	Grade 3	Ada E. Dow				25	23.70	22.77	95.42
	Grade 1	Marion P. Adams	Wheelock Training	1919	1500	32	31.35	28.35	98.61
	Grade 2	Marion P. Adams				17	17.	13.66	96.24
	Grade 5	Dorothy Mudgett	*Keene. N. H., Normal	1924	1500	49	45.77	43.35	95 21
	Grades 4 and 5	Olive S. Perry	*Wheelock Training	1916	1500	45	39.50	38.44	97.56
Chestnut Hill	Prin. Grade 1	Isabelle P. Kissock	*Dean Academy	1911	1700	9	8.77	8.50	96.92
	Grade 2	Isabelle P. Kissock				11	10.56	10.26	97.16
	Grade 3	Isabelle P. Kissock				13	13.	12.51	96.23
	Grade 4	Annie B. Reid	*Framingham Normal	1925	1800	8	8.	7.72	96.58
	Grade 5	Annie B. Reid				9	8.64	8.54	97.07
	Grade 6	Annie B. Reid				16	15.67	15.51	97.31
Oppotun'y School		Josephine H. Carleton	Boston University	1925	2000	21	19.86	18.68	94.4
		Elizabeth Guarnaccia	Salem Normal	1926		14	14.	13.31	95.06
	Super. of Stand. and Guidance	Ida C. Lucas	Worcester Normal	1917	1900				
	Super. Drawing	M. Adeline Lahaise	Mass. Normal Art	1919	1800				
	Super. of Music	C. Francis Woods	Brown University	1926	1200				
Evening School	Principal	Josephine H. Carleton	*Boston University	1926	300	40			
		Albert W. Carleton	*Tufts College	1926	240				
		Elizabeth Guarnaccia	Salem Normal	1926	180				

*Has taken courses of college grade and graduate work at B. U., Simmons, Harvard, Columbia, Cornell, or at Normal Schools

BUDGET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, TOWN OF READING, 1927

1927 Estimated Appropriation		Expended 1926	Expended 1925	Expended 1924
	GENERAL ACCOUNT: SALARIES			
	1. Salaries—Teachers and Supt.	$123,520.22	$107,420.79	$102,635.39
	2. Janitors	9,102.97	9,019.00	8,078.00
	3. Other Salaries:			
	Attendance Officer	500.00	400.00	350.00
	Medical Inspector	600.00	500.00	500.00
	School Nurse	1,700.00	1,600.00	1,500.00
$152,337.91	Total Salaries	$135,423.19	$118,939.79	$113,063.69
4,225.00	4. Transportation of Pupils	3,831.15	3,228.90	2,756.25
200.00	5. School Tuition			37.15
6,000.00	6. Books	4,278.96	4,906.33	3,138.98
5,000.00	7. Supplies for Pupils	4,157.77	5,757.59	5,144.12
1,500.00	8. Apparatus for Teaching	1,980.03	835.08	690.00
2,000.00	9. General Expense:			
	Printing and Advertising	275.00	368.67	138.79
	Office Supplies	561.42	261.18	312.57
	Telephones	762.79	493.77	410.27
	Graduation, Miscellaneous	185.20	114.36	172.55
	Supt.'s Expense	102.00	114.52	14.00
	Lectures, Public Meetings	49.75		34.50
	Insurance	46.07		
	Supervisor's Expense	402.53	986.83	51.00
		$ 2,384.76	$ 2,341.33	$ 1,133.68

1927 Estimated Appropriation		Expended 1926	Expended 1925	Expended 1924
$ 8,000.00	10. Fuel	$ 5,267.30	$ 7,126.73	$ 7,195.67
	11. Building Maintenance			
1,300.00	Gas and Electricity	951.83	976.14	787.67
1,700.00	Water and Sewer	1,776.60	1,524.60	1,407.60
500.00	Trucking, etc,	347.64	373.40	334.87
1,600.00	Janitors' Supplies	1,372.11	1,264.26	1,316.96
		$ 4,448.17	$ 4,138.40	$ 3,847.10
8,200.00	12. Repairs	14,076.62		14,524.42
	Buildings		7,862.36	
	Furniture		1,668.40	
	Grounds		883.20	
		$ 14,076.62	$ 10,413.96	$ 14,524.42
40,225.00	TOTAL FOR MAINTENANCE	$ 40,424.77	$ 38,747.32	$ 38,467.37
	Less Transfer to Agriculture	379.45		
		$ 40,045.32		
192,562.91	TOTAL EXPENDITURES—General	$175,468.51	$157,513.86	$151,531.06
	Receipts not from tax levy:		$ 11,925.00	$ 11,935.00
	State Reimbursement, Chap. 70, G. L.	$ 12,605.40		
	Tuition, etc.	9,386.60	8,399.21	5,989.01
	Due, but not paid		714.03	1,580.65

BUDGET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT (Continued)

	AGRICULTURAL ACCOUNT			
2,937.50	1. Teachers', Supt.'s, and Janitors' Salaries	$ 2,833.36	$ 3,615.78	$ 4,367.75
	Smith-Hughes' Fund		287.58	
	2. Light, Fuel, Repairs			70.76
500.00	3. Books, Apparatus, Supplies	500.00	230.48	400.42
		$ 3,333.36	$ 4,133.84	$ 4,838.93
	Receipts not from tax levy:			
	State Aid to Industrial School	1,614.62	877.74	1,000.83
	Smith-Hughes' Fund	313.29	287.58	296.06
	Tuition	668.66	2,082.67	3,050.35
	Due, but not paid		442.11	211.93
		$ 2,596.57		
	INDUSTRIAL TUITION			
800.00	Tuition paid	$ 750.01	$ 585.77	$ 675.00
	Reimbursement from State		408.46	315.01

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31, 1926

General Account

Transportation:		
North Reading	$ 16.25	
Eastern Mass. St. Ry. Co.	250.00	
James Mason	3564.90	
		$ 3,831.15
Books:		
Allyn & Bacon	$ 169.17	
American Book Co.	217.85	
American Child Health Assn.	4.50	
American Library Assn.	16.21	
American Viewpoint Soc.	37.04	
D. Appleton & Co.	3.08	
Arlo Publishing Co.	7.09	
The Atlantic Monthly Co.	4.66	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	250.32	
Walter H. Baker Co.	1.50	
F. J. Barnard & Co., Inc.	299.63	
A. S. Barnes & Co.	4.12	
M. Barrows & Co.	8.92	
C. C. Birchard & Co.	20.58	
P. Blackiston's Son & Co.	3.60	
Bobbs-Merrill Co.	29.73	
The Bookshop for Boys and Girls	1.55	
The Boston Music Co.	2.73	
The Bruce Publishing Co.	1.96	
The Century Co.	2.50	
The Children's Foundation	45.00	
Child Study Assn. of Am.	5.00	
The Davis Press	3.00	
The John Day Co.	4.83	
Oliver Ditson Co.	19.52	
Dowling School Supply Co.	58.01	
E. P. Dutton & Co.	3.30	
Fairbairn Art Co.	2.78	
The Gregg Pub. Co.	.48	
Ginn and Company	299.43	
Hall & McCreary Co.	14.20	
Harcourt, Brace & Co., Inc.	13.06	
Harvard Co-operative Soc., Inc.	5.45	
Harvard Univ. Press	3.00	
D. C. Heath & Co.	152.23	
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	134.81	
Laidlow Brothers	1.72	
Charles E. Lauriat Co.	126.87	

J. B. Lippincott Co	38.18	
Longmans, Green & Co	8.25	
Lyons & Carnahan	141.64	
Elizabeth McCormick Mem. Fund	1.28	
McIntosh Pub. Co	3.86	
John Jos. McVey	3.00	
Macmillan Co.	199.67	
City of Melrose	1.00	
Charles E. Merrill Co	100.22	
A. H. Mingo	12.92	
The Old Corner Book Store	167.44	
The A. N. Palmer Co	70.32	
Rand, McNally Co.	44.62	
Regents Publishing Co.	2.52	
Patterson's Am. Educ. Director	6.00	
Progressive Educ. Assn	19.75	
Prospect Union Educ. Exch	1.00	
Public School Publishing Co	18.85	
The Republic Publishing Co	9.25	
Research University	1.25	
Harold Rugg	299.00	
Benjamin H. Sanborn Co	33.77	
E. C. Schirmer Music Co	1.88	
Schoenhof's	.50	
Charles Scribner's Sons	65.45	
Scott, Foresman & Co	9.66	
Silver, Burdett & Co	65.72	
South Western Pub. Co	41.32	
Stanford University	9.68	
Supt. of Documents, Gov. Print. Office	2.50	
The Survey	2.00	
Russell P. Taylor	5.90	
Teachers' College	23.50	
University of Chicago	14.50	
The University of Chicago Press	10.90	
Univ. Supply and Book Co	3.36	
Warwick & York, Inc	22.26	
H. W. Wilson Co	2.50	
Winnetka Public Schools	85.30	
John C. Winston Co	217.67	
World Book Co	537.14	
		$ 1,284.96

Supplies for Pupils:

Adams Co	39.17	
American Type Founders Co	3.15	
Mona Lisa Ames	3.60	
G. H. Atkinson Co	10.00	

Art Extension Society	2.50
Edward E. Babb & Co	70.81
Walter H. Baker Co	4.40
W. Bancroft & Co.	1.56
Barris Lumber Co	32.25
Harold W. Batchelder	1.00
Berry and Withington	13.90
Boston School Committee	3.00
Milton Bradley Co	449.63
Joseph Breck & Son	6.12
George W. Craigie	23.78
Danforth Pharmacy	.25
C. L. Deming	13.10
Dowling School Supply Co	65.60
Esterbrook Steel Pen Mfg. Co	23.47
A. Flanagan	29.24
Francis Brothers	37.14
Fulton Specialty Co	4.59
Wilbur D. Gilpatric	104.60
Ginn and Co	97.32
The Gregg Writer	2.00
J. L. Hammett Co	2657.16
C. S. Hammond Co	3.00
Hodson Brothers	14.89
H. S. Horne & Co., Inc	8.94
George E. Horrocks	4.85
Houghton Mifflin Co.	99.32
Houghton & Dutton Co	38.50
Howe & French, Inc.	39.79
Iroquois Pub. Co	24.12
Jennings Publishing Co	9.60
Kardex Rand Sales Corp	2.25
Laidlaw Brothers	10.46
J. B. Lippincott Co	9.34
Kenneth Lucas	1.00
R. H. S. Lunch	3.85
H. B. McArdle	303.20
McIntosh Publishing Co	17.82
Jennie Mackie	2.88
E. F. Mahady	6.29
B. L. Makepeace	2.55
Geo. W. Marshall	37.15
Geo. F. Miller	4.50
National Safety Council	16.00
Office Appliance Co	39.66
Palmer & Parker Co	1.66
The Papercrafter, Inc	5.96

Parker & Page Co.	79.57	
Perry Pictures	2.48	
Public School Publishing Co.	2.47	
Rand, McNally & Co.	45.23	
George P. Raymond Co.	3.75	
Reading Custom Laundry	8.78	
Remington Typewriter Co.	25.00	
Royal Laundry Service	.73	
Ryan & Buker, Inc.	37.03	
Josephine H. Rourke	10.00	
Harold Rugg	9.14	
F. F. Smith	2.25	
Otis P. Symonds & Sons	4.00	
Leon T. Tarpin	12.53	
Winnetka Public Schools	10.18	
Winnetka Individual Materials, Inc.	79.43	
Webster Publishing Co.	5.19	
Wheeler Publishing Co.	3.22	
W. H. Willis	4.43	
A. W. Wiley	5.00	
World Book Co.	39.58	
		$ 4,796.91

Apparatus for Teaching:

Edward E. Babb & Co.	285.25
James W. Brine & Co.	11.03
Cambridge Botanical Supply Co.	36.25
Central Scientific Co.	161.18
The Chemical Rubber Co.	75.77
Oliver Ditson Co.	14.40
Francis Bros.	99.17
J. L. Hammett Co.	5.51
The Horace Partridge Co.	15.87
Howe & French, Inc.	39.20
A. M. Hume Music Co.	2.25
Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co.	21.15
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	10.25
Paul Matteson	45.00
Esther Millett	3.00
Narragansett Machine Co.	69.13
Rand, McNally Co.	22.25
Royal Typewriter Co., Inc.	510.00
Sims Song Slide Corp.	40.50
L. C. Smith Brothers Type. Co.	70.00
Fred F. Smith	18.39
Underwood Typewriter Co.	385.00

A. J. Wilkinson & Co	22.20	
Wright & Ditson	11.28	
		$ 1,974.03

Administration Expense:

Adams Company	6.00
American Educ. Digest	5.00
American Medical Assn	5.00
Jewel & Andrews	67.50
F. J. Barnard & Co., Inc	4.50
Col. Stewart Barrows	2.00
F. A. Bessom	6.50
Raymond W. Blaisdell	14.45
Board of Educ., Lincoln, Nebraska	16.46
Mabel M. Brown	6.55
Brooks, Gill & Co	4.90
Bruce Publishing Co	9.00
Cummings Express Co	22.50
M. F. Charles	1.80
Children	5.00
College Entrance Exam. Board	.70
Louis Davis	46.07
L. W. Dickinson	32.15
Lora Vivian Francois	25.00
J. L. Hammett Co	18.86
High School Prin. Assn. of Mass.	3.00
Mary E. Hilton	34.80
Hodson Brothers	3.75
Jordan Marsh Co	15.20
Kardex Rand Sales Corp	151.75
Kenney Service Station	9.59
Ida C. Lucas	80.00
H. B. McArdle	84.25
H. M. Meserve & Co	8.98
Municipal Light Board	35.40
Nat. Educ. Assn. Dept. of Super	27.00
Nat. Com. for Mental Hygiene	3.00
National Safety Council	2.56
New Eng. Assn. of Col. & Secon	2.00
The New Eng. Publishing Co	4.00
The New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	762.79
The Office Appliance Co.	12.43
Dana F. Perkins	12.00
Edward W. Perry	7.00
Progressive Educ. Assn	4.00
William Pierpont	3.00
W. E. Pratt	6.00
Rand, McNally & Co	10.00

George P. Raymond Co.	9.25	
R. H. S. A. A.	10.00	
Reading Greenhouses & Nurseries	1.50	
R. H. S. Lunch	3.00	
Reading Motor Co	110.21	
Reading Tire Shop	7.00	
Josephine H. Rourke	5.00	
Russia Cement Co	1.00	
Adelbert L. Safford	107.19	
The Science Press	5.00	
H. A. Shepard & Co	12.23	
Charles N. Smart	6.00	
Fred F. Smith	5.75	
Carl M. Smith	.50	
S. R. Stembridge	7.00	
Rudolf Sussmann	13.64	
Teachers' College	3.00	
James T. Twohill Co	11.50	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	405.40	
Ungraded	1.50	
United States Post Office	37.59	
University Publishing Co	6.49	
Webster Publishing Co	4.38	
Wensell & Co	6.00	
R. H. White Co	8.40	
A. W. Wiley	7.00	
W. H. Willis	1.25	
World Book Co	.46	
Wright & Potter Print. Co	4.08	
		$ 2,383.76
Fuel:		
Municipal Light Board	1,687.37	
Waldo Reed	60.00	
O. P. Symonds	25.00	
Percy N. Sweetser	3,886.93	
		$ 5,659.30
Gas and Electricity:		
Mal. & Mel. Gas Light Co	245.76	
Municipal Light Board	707.27	
		$ 953.03
Water and Sewer:		
Town of Reading, Sewer Dept	950.10	
Town of Reading, Water Dept	826.50	
		$ 1,776.06
Ashes and Trucking:		
American Railway Express Co	26.01	
Harold W. Batchelder	.75	

Boston & Maine R. R.	7.23	
Chase's Auto Express	.50	
Cummings Express Co	132.32	
J. L. Hammett Co	36.90	
G. T. Lewis	142.73	
		$ 346.44
Janitors' Supplies:		
Andrews Paper Co	86.00	
G. H. Atkinson	30.23	
Edw. Babb & Co	5.54	
Boston Mill Remnant Co	60.25	
Clapp & Leach, Inc	.42	
Cudahy Packing Co	33.15	
H. I. Dallman Co	63.09	
C. B. Dodge Co	60.17	
R. P. Eldredge	8.76	
T. C. Fife	1.25	
Francis Brothers	183.51	
L. M. Glover	35.40	
J. L. Hammett Co	10.00	
Norman C. Hayner Co	111.62	
Hodson Brothers	53.49	
Joseph E. La'Gassa	4.00	
Lightfoot Schultz Co	33.00	
Harry S. Lovejoy	2.00	
Mass. State Prison	96.98	
The Metropoiltan Refining Co.	111.72	
Middlesex County—House of Correction	5.91	
Ernest B. Nourse	21.56	
Ira S. Noyes	96.25	
J. Fred Richardson	2.75	
Ryan & Buker	38.00	
The Sani-Cross Co.	2.50	
F. F. Smith	27.35	
The Sterling Products Co	38.81	
Stone & Forsyth Co	141.15	
F. Wallace	7.15	
		$ 1,372.11
Repairs:		
Adden & Parker	206.50	
Allen Shade Holder Co	269.34	
American Abrasive Metals Co	276.46	
O. W. Austin	4.50	
Wendell Bancroft & Co	31.35	
Barris Lumber Co	7.45	
Harold W. Batchelder	16.50	
Beacon Steel Furniture Co	2.75	

Brooks, Gill & Co	22.50
Boston Metal Ceiling Co	109.65
W. A. Burns	153.60
M. F. Charles	38.00
Leonard Clarkson	2.00
Clapp & Leach	296.40
E. B. Currell & Son	955.66
H. I. Dallman Co.	15.09
Matthew Devaney	12.00
C. L. Demming	7.73
T. C. Fife	3,068.37
Francis Brothers	117.96
F. G. Hall	.75
J. L. Hammett Co	2,177.21
Heywood Wakefield Co	36.40
Miles C. Higgins, Treas.	39.00
The Hodge Boiler Works	368.62
Hodson Brothers	353.21
Hulse Roofing Co.	550.00
The Ideal Song Shop	10.50
Arentie L. Inman	4.00
W. E. Johnson	6.25
Jordan Marsh Co	64.00
B. J. Leathers	26.25
J. A. LeFave	42.75
George T. Lewis	88.00
Robert Luther	86.10
John McCarthy	235.50
Chester MacDougall	35.00
Harold R. McIntire	2.50
J. M. Maxwell, Jr. & Son	306.05
D. O. Miller Co	41.80
Municipal Light Board	405.67
J. A. Murphy	5.00
Lewis E. Myers & Co	300.00
The National Pipe Bending Co	386.10
Dana F. Perkins	33.00
Richard Pomfret	3.20
W. E. Pratt	30.00
Reading Greenhouses & Nurseries	15.00
Reformatory for Women	28.16
Royal Laundry Service	3.01
Adelbert L. Safford	6.25
P. J. Seaman	7.84
D. Sheehan	10.50
The Song Shop	2.75
W. A. Snow Iron Works	1,280.72

A. M. Surrette	1,170.24	
Fred F. Smith	22.29	
Percy N. Sweetser	253.80	
O. P. Symonds & Son, Inc.	2.40	
Roy C. Taylor	9.25	
Underwood Typewriter Co.	4.57	
Wales Adding Machine Co.	5.70	
A. J. Wilkinson & Co.	2.88	
Winchester Laundry	1.59	
		$ 14,077.62

AGRICULTURAL ACCOUNT

Books and Supplies:

American Produce Grower	.98	
Joseph Breck & Sons	26.12	
The Century Co	2.10	
Francis Brothers	4.76	
Hodson Brothers	1.30	
Market Growers' Journal	1.50	
G. P. Putnam's Sons	3.25	
United States Veterans Bureau	40.00	
Hermon T. Wheeler	4.80	
John Wiley & Sons, Inc.	37.74	
		$ 120.55

INDUSTRIAL TUITION

Tuition Paid:

City of Boston	565.83	
City of Malden	42.24	
City of Somerville	138.44	
Town of Wakefield	3.50	
		$ 750.01

Thirty-second Annual Report

OF THE

Electric Light Commissioners

For the Year Ended December 31

1926

OFFICERS OF ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT

Commissioners

HENRY R. JOHNSON, Chairman ..... Term expires 1929
HERBERT G. EVANS, Secretary ..... Term expires 1927
HARRY B. BAKER ..... Term expires 1928

Manager

ARTHUR G. SIAS

Office

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MANAGER'S REPORT

To the Municipal Light Board:—
Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit herewith my report of the operations of the Municipal Light Plant for the year ending December 31, 1926.

Electric Operating Revenues

Metered Sales to Private Consumers:		
Lighting	$116,173.78	
Power	32,556.89	
Cooking & Heating	22,638.70	
		$171,369.37
Flat Rate Sales to Private Consumers:		
Private Street Lights		579.03

Municipal Revenues:		
Street Lighting—Reading	$12,000.00	
Street Lighting—Lynnfield Centre	1,768.56	
Street Lighting—North Reading	3,909.82	
Street Lighting—Wilmington	7,633.28	
Municipal Lighting—Reading	1,807.75	
Municipal Power—Reading	2,714.39	
Power sold to Wakefield	57.44	
Power sold to Lowell Elect. Lt. Corp.	116.39	
		$30,007.63
Total Revenue from Sales of Electric Energy		$201,956.03
Rent from Property Used in Operation:		
Rental of Pole Lines		467.05
Total Electric Operating Revenues		$202,423.08

OPERATING EXPENSES—ELECTRIC

Production

Operation:		
Superintendents and Labor	$ 20,275.84	
Boiler Fuel	37,245.06	
Water for Steam	429.87	
Lubricants	257.83	
Station Supplies and Expenses	881.02	
		$ 59,089.62
Maintenance:		
Maintenance of Station Structures	$ 433.10	
Maintenance of Boiler Plant Equipment	3,528.30	
Maintenance of Turbo Generator Units	1,334.00	
Maintenance of Electric Generating Equip.	399.87	
Maintenance of Accessory Electric Equip.	350.78	
Maintenance of Misc. Power Plant Equip.		$ 6,046.05
Electric Energy Purchased		23,343.27
Total Production Expenses		$ 88,478.94

Transmission, Distribution and Storage

Operation:		
Operation of Transmission and Distribution Lines	$ 12,102.85	
Transmission and Distribution Supplies and Expenses	776.77	
Inspecting and Testing Meters	1,283.60	

Removing and Resetting Meters	784.47	
Removing and Resetting Transformers	521.17	
		$ 15,468.86
Maintenance:		
Maintenance of Transmission and Distribution Lines	$ 7,737.51	
Maintenance of Consumers' Meters	67.14	
Maintenance of Transformers	306.58	$ 8,111.23
Total Transmission, Distribution & Storage Expense		$ 23,580.09
Utilization		
Operation:		
Municipal Street Lamps—Labor	$ 1,083.78	
Municipal Street Lamps — Supplies and Expense	1,736.66	
		$ 2,820.44
Maintenance:		
Maintenance of Municipal Street Lamps	$ 322.91	
Maintenance of Consumers' Installations	2,626.02	$ 2,948.93
Total Utilization Expenses		$ 5,769.37
Commercial		
Commercial Salaries	$ 8,120.14	
Commercial Supplies & Expenses	2,183.21	
Total Commercial Expenses		$ 10,303.35
New Business		
New Business, Salaries	$ 1,477.70	
New Business Supplies and Expenses	6.00	
Advertising	687.76	
Total New Business Expenses		$ 2,171.46
General and Miscellaneous		
Salary of Manager	$ 4,680.00	
Salaries of General Office Clerks	3,242.51	
General Office Supplies and Expenses	885.10	
Law Expense—General	74.71	
Insurance	3,827.61	
Accidents and Damages	58.17	
Store Expenses	393.58	
Transportation Expenses	2,898.46	
Inventory Adjustments	2,032.27	
Depreciation	22,637.93	

Miscellaneous General Expense	599.88	
Total General and Miscellaneous Expenses		$ 41,330.22
Grand Total Operating Expenses		$171,633.43

Income Statement for the Year

Operating Income:		
Operating Revenues	$202,423.08	
Operating Expenses	171,633.43	
Net Operating Revenue		$ 30,789.65
Uncollectible Operating Revenue	$ 1,873.86	
Taxes Assignable to Electric Operations	472.50	2,346.36
Net Operating Income		$ 28,443.29
Non-Operating Income:		
Merchandise and Jobbing Revenue	**$ 3,931.87**	
Interest Income	42.83	
Total Non-Operating Income		**3,889.04**
Gross Income		$ 24,554.25
Deductions from Gross Income:		
Interest on Bonds and Notes	$ 5,100.14	
Total Deductions from Gross Income		$ 5,100.14
Income Balance trans. to Profit and Loss		$ 19,454.11

Profit and Loss Statement

Credit Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Period		$ 48,066.04
Credit Balance Transferred from Income Acct.		19,454.11
Other Deductions from Surplus		
(Bonds and Notes Paid)	$ 12,800.00	
Balance carried forward to Balance Sheet	54,720.15	
Total	$ 67,520.15	$ 67,520.15

COMPARATIVE GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Investments

Balance at beginning of year		Balance at close of year	Net Change
$375,092.04	Plant Investment	$399,845.37	$ 24,753.33
6,762.75	General Equipment	8,276.48	1,513.73
$381,854.79	Total Investments	$408,121.85	$ 26,267.06

	Current Assets		
$ 7,353.18	Cash	$ 23,518.71	$ 16,165.53
1,241.75	Special Deposits	1,403.75	162.00
35,066.44	Accounts Receivable	39,144.46	4,078.02
42,807.89	Materials and Supplies	43,016.41	208.52
$ 71,762.90	Total Current Assets	$ 60,045.91	$ 11,716.99
	Prepaid Accounts		
$ 850.66	Prepaid Insurance	$ 1,967.94	$ 1,117.28
$ 850.66	Total Prepaid Accounts	$ 1,967.94	$ 1,117.28
$454,468.35	Grand Total	$470,135.70	$ 15,667.35

COMPARATIVE GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

Liabilities

Balance at beginning of year		Balance at close of year	Net Change
	Appropriations		
$ 30,678.26	Appropriations for Construction	$ 30,678.26	
	Bonds and Notes Payable		
$ 98,000.00	Bonds	$101,500.00	$ 3,500.00
13,500.00	Notes Payable	10,200.00	**3,300.00**
$111,500.00	Total Bonds and Notes Payable	$111,700.00	$ 200.00
	Current Liabilities		
$ 27,391.40	Accounts Payable	$ 23,166.50	$ **4,224.90**
1,241.75	Consumers' Deposits	1,403.75	162.00
$ 28,633.15	Total Current Liabilities	$ 24,570.25	$ **4,062.90**
	Accrued Liabilities		
$ 1,190.90	Interest Accrued	$ 1,267.04	$ 76.14
$ 1,190.90	Total Accrued Liabilities	$ 1,267.04	$ 76.14
	Appropriated Surplus		
$234,400.00	Loans Repayment	$247,200.00	$ 12,800.00
$234,400.00	Total Appropriated Surplus	$247,200.00	$ 12,800.00
	Profit and Loss		
$ 48,066.04	Profit and Loss—Balance	$ 54,720.15	$ 6,654.11
$454,468.35	Grand Total	$470,135.70	$ 15,667.35

PLANT INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS—ELECTRIC

	Balance at beginning of year	Additions during year	Depreciation, Other Credits during year	Balance at close of year
Plant Investment				
Land	$ 2,575.80	$	$	$ 2,575.80
Structures	20,900.09	16,537.18		37,437.27
Boiler Plant Equipment	38,419.85	1,469.90	3,073.59	36,816.16
Prime Movers & Auxiliaries	16,445.47		1,315.64	15,129.83
Turbo Generator Units	25,645.47		2,051.64	23,593.83
Electric Plant—Steam	19,500.97	2,871.74	1,560.08	20,812.63
Poles, Fixtures & Over head Conductors	161,895.37	18,519.63	9,713.72	170,701.28
Consumers' Meters	36,196.61	3,299.90	1,447.86	38,048.65
Consumers' Meter Installation	4,821.80	577.00	192.87	5,205.93
Line Transformers	34,196.58	2,436.58	1,709.83	34,923.33
Transformer Installation	3,354.69	210.00	167.73	3,396.96
Street Lighting Equipment	10,845.35	1,334.33	1,404.97	10,774.71
Consumers' Premises Equip.	293.99	135.00		428.99
Total Plant Investment	$375,092.04	$47,391.26	$22,637.93	$399,845.37
General Equipment				
Office Equipment	$ 2,812.75	$ 563.50	$ 513.25	$ 2,863.00
Stores' Equipment		446.33		446.33
Transportation Equipment	3,950.00	1,240.00	1,290.00	3,900.00
Laboratory Equipment		1,102.15	35.00	1,067.15
Total General Equipment	$ 6,762.75	$ 3,351.98	$ 1,838.25	$ 8,276.48
Total Cost of All Property	$381,854.79	$50,743.24	$24,476.18	$408,121.85

TOTAL COST OF PLANT

Cost of Land	$ 2,575.80	
Cost of Structures	44,066.92	
		$ 46,642.72
Generating Plant—Steam:		
Cost of Boiler Plant Equipment	$ 69,355.21	
Cost of Prime Movers & Auxiliaries	29,013.38	
Cost of Turbo Generator Units	46,870.83	
Cost of Electric Plant—Steam	35,398.36	
		$180,637.78
Transmission, Distribution & Storage:		
Cost of Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	$248,673.28	
Cost of Consumers' Meters	53,376.17	

Cost of Consumers' Meter Installation	7,136.56	
Cost of Line Transformers	50,397.90	
Cost of Transformers' Installation	5,209.40	
		$364,793.31
Utilization Equipment:		
Cost of Street Lighting Equipment	$ 23,412.55	
Cost of Consumers' Premises Equipment ..	428.99	$ 23,841.54
Total Cost of Electric Plant as shown by the books		$615,915.35

CASH BALANCES AT CLOSE OF YEAR

Petty Cash Loan from Treasurer	$ 150.00

Depreciation Fund Account

DEBITS

Balance of account at beginning of year:	
Amount transferred from income	$ 22,637.93
Total	$ 22,637.93

CREDITS

Amount expended for construction purposes ...	22,637.93
Balance on hand at close of year	

Material and Supplies

Coal	$ 1,408.12
Oil	79.24
Electrical Appliances	12,816.20
Miscellaneous Materials and Supplies	28,712.85
Total	$ 43,016.41

Construction Fund

DEBIT

Transferred from Depreciation Fund	$ 22,637.93	
Construction sold during year	1,853.21	
Transferred from Operating Fund	14,408.98	
Bond Issue and Premiums	13,032.79	
Total Debits		$ 51,932.91

CREDIT

Amount Expended for Additions and Ext.	$ 51,932.91	
Total Credits		$ 51,932.91

Operating Fund—DEBIT

Balance at beginning of year	$ 7,353.18	
Received from sale of electricity	183,489.70	
Received from Appropriation of Street Lights	12,000.00	
Received from Miscellaneous Items	37,996.90	
Total Debits		$226,133.42

CREDIT

Expenditures for Operating Accounts	$147,667.66	
Bonds Paid	9,500.00	
Notes Paid	3,300.00	
Interest Paid	5,100.14	
Amount transferred to Depreciation Fund	22,637.93	
Amount transferred to Construction Fund	14,408.98	
Total Credits		$202,614.71
Balance due Treasurer		23,518.71
		$226,133.42

	1925	1926	Increase	Per Cent
K. W. H. delivered to switchboard	4,050,687	4,420,367	369,680	9.12
K. W. H. sold:				
For Lighting	1,148,301	1,312,454	164,153	14.3
For Power	960,297	909,005	51,292 Dec.	5.3
For Cooking & Heating	664,858	768,378	103,520	15.6
For Street Lighting	316,329	331,493	15,164	4.8
Totals	3,089,785	3,321,330	231,545	7.5
K. W. H. sold in each Town:				
Reading	2,351,749	2,452,840	101,091	4.3
Lynnfield Centre	107,671	128,213	20,542	19.1
North Reading	264,555	310,474	45,919	17.4
Wilmington	365,810	429,803	63,993	17.5
Totals	3,089,785	3,321,330	231,545	7.5

The maximum station load during the year was 1340 K. W. and occurred on October 25th. The largest daily output was 16,232 kilowatt hours on December 24th. The maximum load on this date was 1330 K. W.

The increase in revenue over last year was 8.9%, the details of same being shown in the following tables:

Income from Sales of Current:				
Lighting	$105,441.34	$118,560.56	$13,119.22	12.4
Power	36,609.71	35,445.11	**1,164.60 Dec.**	**3.2**
Cooking & Heating	19,367.32	22,638.70	3,271.38	16.9
Street Lighting	24,074.35	25,311.66	1,237.31	5.1
Totals	$185,492.72	$201,956.03	$16,463.31	8.9

The income from sale of power has fallen off for the past two years due principally to manufacturing industries going out of business. I believe, however, that the coming year will show an increase in revenue from this class of business.

Income from each Town:				
Reading	$123,663.52	$131,065.30	$ 7,401.78	5.9
Lynnfield Centre	9,725.79	11,055.42	1,329.63	13.7
North Reading	19,431.12	22,664.61	3,233.49	9.9
Wilmington	32,672.29	37,170.70	4,498.41	13.8
Totals	$185,492.72	$201,956.03	$16,463.31	8.9

The income for the year was $2,776.00 less than the estimate at the beginning of the year.

The operating expenses increased about 9.5% on account of the increase in production costs due to the purchase of approximately 18.5% of the total current delivered to the station busses. 819,787 kilowatt hours were purchased during the year at an average cost of 2.85 cents per K. W. H.

In spite of this, however, the expenses for the year were $3,792.00 less than the estimate at the beginning of the year.

The manufacturing cost per kilowatt hour generated was 1.809 cents and the total production cost of all current delivered to the station busses was 2 cents, as compared with 1.803 cents in 1925. The average total cost per kilowatt hour sold and delivered to street lights was 5.77 cents as compared with 5.73 cents last year.

The net increase in the number of customers since December 31, 1925 was 314, as follows: Reading 137, Lynnfield Centre 31, North Reading 60, and Wilmington 86.

The total number of new services connected during the year was 452.

The classification of customers according to the kind of service used is as follows:

	Lighting	Power	Cooking & Heating	Total
Reading	2,377	69	320	2,766
Lynnfield Centre	300	17	38	355
North Reading	515	10	80	605
Wilmington	927	30	103	1,060
Totals	4,119	126	541	4.786

The following new street lights have been installed during the year: Reading 18, Lynnfield Centre 1, North Reading 4.

Four ornamental street lights were installed in connection with the new sidewalk around the Municipal Building and Library. These lights are the General Electric Company's Novalux type, with 1000 candle power lamps inside stippled glass globes, with glass canopy, and are mounted on ornamental cast iron posts. The lights are connected to the street light circuit through underground cables and each post has a cut-out switch for use in case of trouble.

The total number of hours the street lights have been lighted during the year is as follows: Reading 3923 hours, Lynnfield Centre and North Reading 1778 hours and Wilmington 2220 hours.

The number of each size of street lamps renewed is shown below:

	40 c.p.	60 c.p.	100 c.p.	250 c.p.	600 c.p.	1000 c.p.	Ttl
Reading	1	924	46	157	52	1	1181
Lynnfield Centre	143						143
North Reading	326						326
Wilmington	809				4		813
Totals	1279	924	46	157	56	1	2463

Additions to the generating and distribution system have been taken care of from income.

Accounts Receivable December 31 were $39,144.46 and Accounts Payable were $23,166.50.

Bills paid by the Treasurer in advance of collections amounted to $23,518.71.

Bonds and notes retired during the year amounted to $12,800. $13,000 in new bonds have been issued on account of the new garage and store room. This issue of bonds is to be paid in six years, $3000 being due in 1927. The total of the bonds and notes outstanding December 31st, 1926, was $111,700 as compared with $111,500 a year ago.

Total current assets show an increase of $4,448.54 and the inventory value of general equipment $1,513.73.

The Profit and Loss Surplus is $54,720.15, an increase of $6,654.11 over last year.

LAMP AND APPLIANCE DEPARTMENT

The following appliances have been sold by this department:

Bench Grinders	2	Percolators	22
Bell Transformers	2	Portable Lamps	57
Blowers	3	Radiators	21
Clothes Dryers	1	Refrigerators	19
Curling Irons	25	Ranges	54
Dish Washers	1	Sew Motors	4
Drills	4	Soldering Irons	1

Electric Signs	1	Toasters	53
Cigar Lighters	2	Vacuum Cleaners	45
Chafing Dishes	1	Vibrators	5
Fans	12	Violet Rays	3
Flat Irons	78	Ventilating Fans	1
Grills & Hot Plates	44	Waffle Irons	18
Hair Dryers	2	Washing Machines	12
Heating Pads	13	Water Heaters	13
Kitchen Units	10	Water Pumps	31
Mangles	5	Christmas Tree Sets	42
Motors	14		

The above appliances increase our connected load approximately 524 K. W. and the estimated annual revenue will be approximately $5000.

A campaign for the sale of electric ranges was made, with free installation as a special inducement and resulted in adding 85 ranges to our service.

The accounting system adopted by the State Board requires us to charge the cost of the free installation against the Merchandise and Jobbing Revenue, which shows a loss this year of $3,931.87.

The revenue from cooking and heating increased $3,271.38 over last year.

As a result of special sales effort during the last four years, the annual income from this class of service has increased from $8,213.43 in 1922, to $22,638.70 in 1926.

Electric Refrigeration

The cleanliness, convenience and economy of electric refrigeration should appeal to every home owner. The use of this service means that refrigerators are clean all the time, the temperature is maintained just right and food keeps longer. The cost for current to operate is from $2.00 to $3.00 per month. There are several makes of electric refrigerators available which will give satisfaction and the prices have recently been reduced. It would seem that many more of our customers should avail themselves of this service during the coming year.

Distribution Lines

Two hundred and thirteen poles have been added to the distribution system during the year, 172 of which are jointly owned by the Town and the Telephone and Street Railway Companies. 223,371 feet of wire have been put up and 1,339 feet removed during the year.

The total number of transformers in use December 31st was 478, an increase of 31, and the total number of meters in use was 4,806, an increase of 334 from December 31, 1925.

We have renewed 145 poles during the year.

It will be necessary to extend the three-phase lines to the new Junior High School building and re-arrange some of the distribution circuits to take care of the increase in the load.

The feeder circuits supplying North Reading and Wilmington should be increased to 4000 volts in order to compensate for increased load and provide better service under maximum load conditions.

Power Station

The generating equipment has operated without any serious trouble, with the exception of No. 4 boiler which were were obliged to take out of service, due to the cutting down of the working pressure by the Insurance Company. A new boiler was installed in its place at a cost of $3,668 and the old boiler was sold for $200.

The Insurance Company has twice requested us to shut down the turbines and open them up for inspection, but as it was impossible for us to comply with the request without liability of interrupting the service, we have continued them in operation through the year, a part of the time at reduced load, and carrying the balance of the load on the Edison 4000-volt line. As we are now taking service from the new Edison underground line, the turbines will be taken apart for inspection and cleaning as soon as possible.

The Deane condenser has been removed from the basement in order to provide space for the equipment of the new Edison line. This condenser is of no further use to us and should be sold.

Coal Trestle

We have been notified by the Boston and Maine Railroad Company that extensive repairs must be made to the coal trestle. The major portion of these repairs are to be made to that part of the trestle on the property of Mr. Sweetser, and under a clause in the deed of the property to the town we must pay one-half the cost of the repairs. It is estimated that our proportion of the expense will be about $2,500 and I have made provision for same in my estimate.

A sufficient quantity of coal is on hand so that a supply for the schools and other municipal buildings is available if required.

Edison High Tension Service

The new Edison 13,000-volt underground service has been completed and the final connection to our switchboard was made on January 19th, and we are now taking our entire supply from this line.

The line consists of four 3½″ ducts from the Edison underground lines at Main and Elm Streets, Stoneham, to our power station. There is installed in each of two of these ducts a three conductor cable of 5000 K. V. A. continuous capacity. Each of these cables is connected to a high tension oil switch in our power station, the lines being connected so that normally, current is being received over both lines at the same time. In case of any trouble on one of the cables, it is automatically cut out of service by the operation of relays, without any interruption in the supply, which continues to flow through the second cable.

Two 2500 K. V. A. self-cooled or 3750 K. V. A. water-cooled transformers are installed on a concrete mat at the south side of the power station, each transformer being connected to the high tension buss through suitable oil switches. Normally only one transformer is in service, but either or both may be used by changing the switches and without interrupting the service.

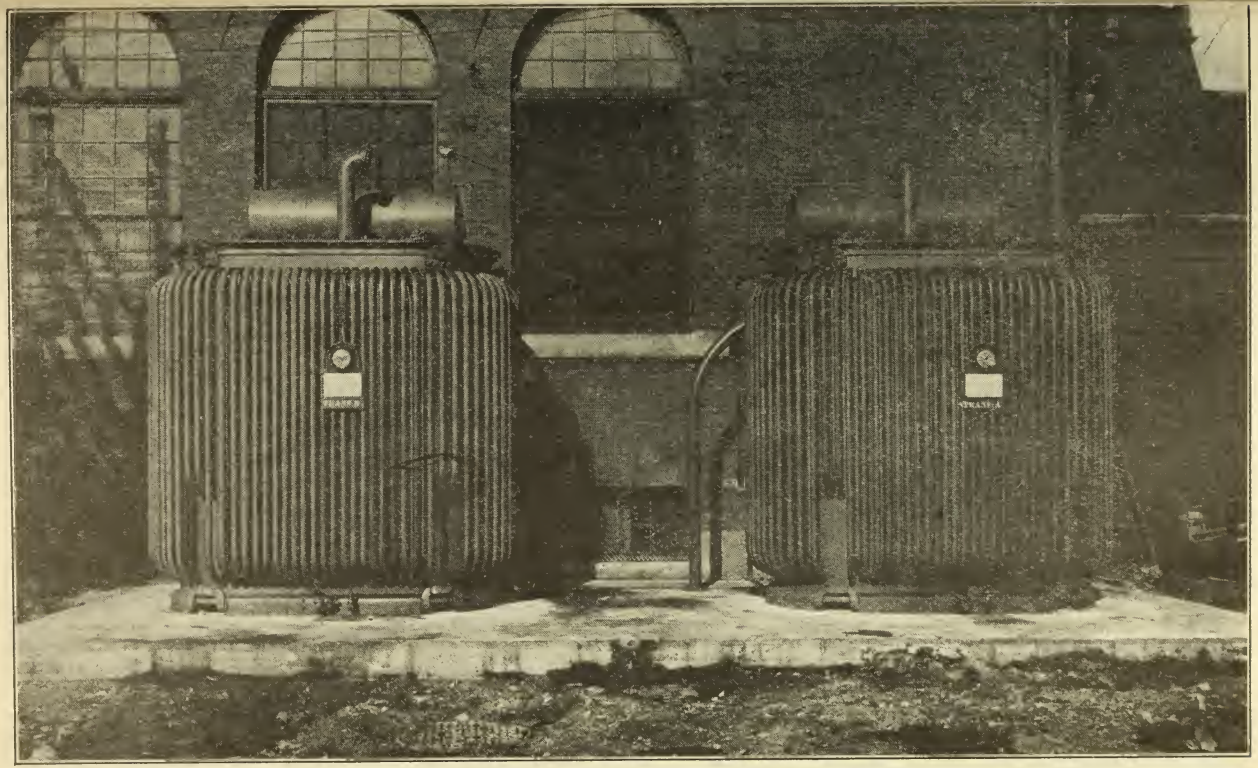
There are two low tension switches which are connected to the transformers and also to our distribution switchboard, making it possible to take service through either or both switches. Suitable reactors are installed in the basement to protect our switchboard in case of trouble on the high tension system. The high and low tension switchboards installed on the Edison line were built by the Conduit Electrical Manufacturing Company of Boston and are of the latest design. The switches are of the truck type and can be disconnected from the lines for inspection, cleaning or repairs, without any interruption in the service.

All of our generators can be operated in connection with the new line and service can be supplied to our board either from our generators, or the Edison lines or from both systems without any interruption of service.

The total cost of the line, transformers and station equipment, will be about $94,000.

Our plant is now in a position to supply service in practically unlimited quantity for many years. Manufacturing industries can now locate in Reading and be assured that their power requirements will be taken care of satisfactorily.

The new high tension service will now enable us to adopt 115-230 volts as standard for secondary distribution, and permit the use of 115-volt lamps in place of 110 volts. The 115-volt lamp is recognized quite generally as standard, and about 45 per cent of all lamps made are for use on 115-volt circuits, while only about 19 per cent are made for 110-volt circuits. I would recommend that customers purchase 115-volt lamps whenever it become necessary to replace burned-out ones. While we will have for the present, lamps of both 110 and 115-volt rating, we expect to discontinue our stock of 110-volt lamps as soon as possible.



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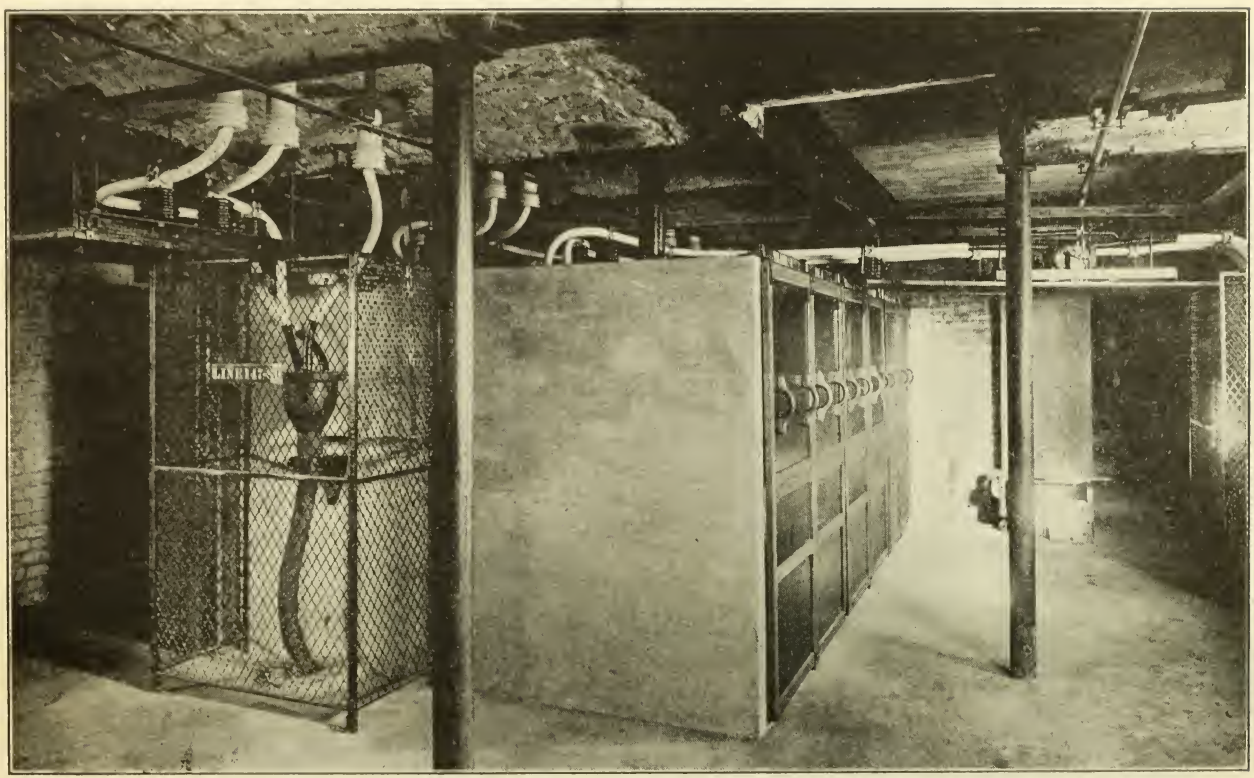

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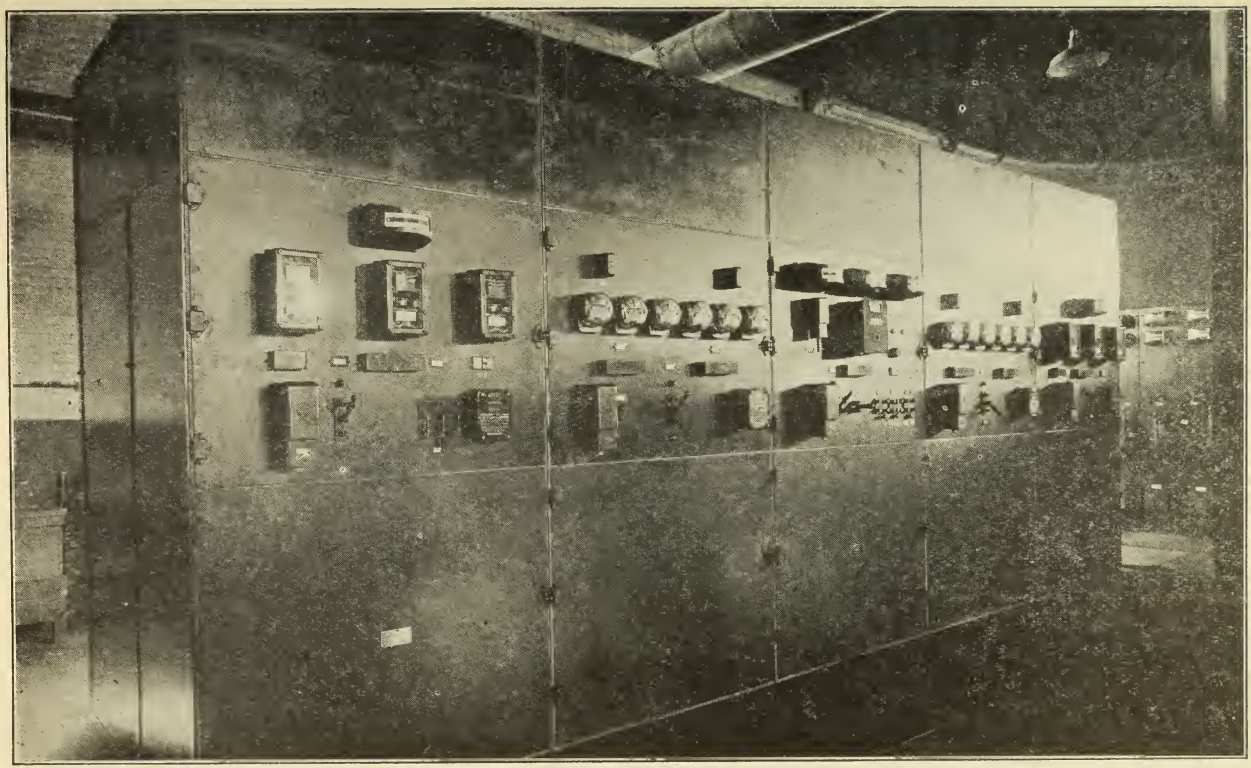

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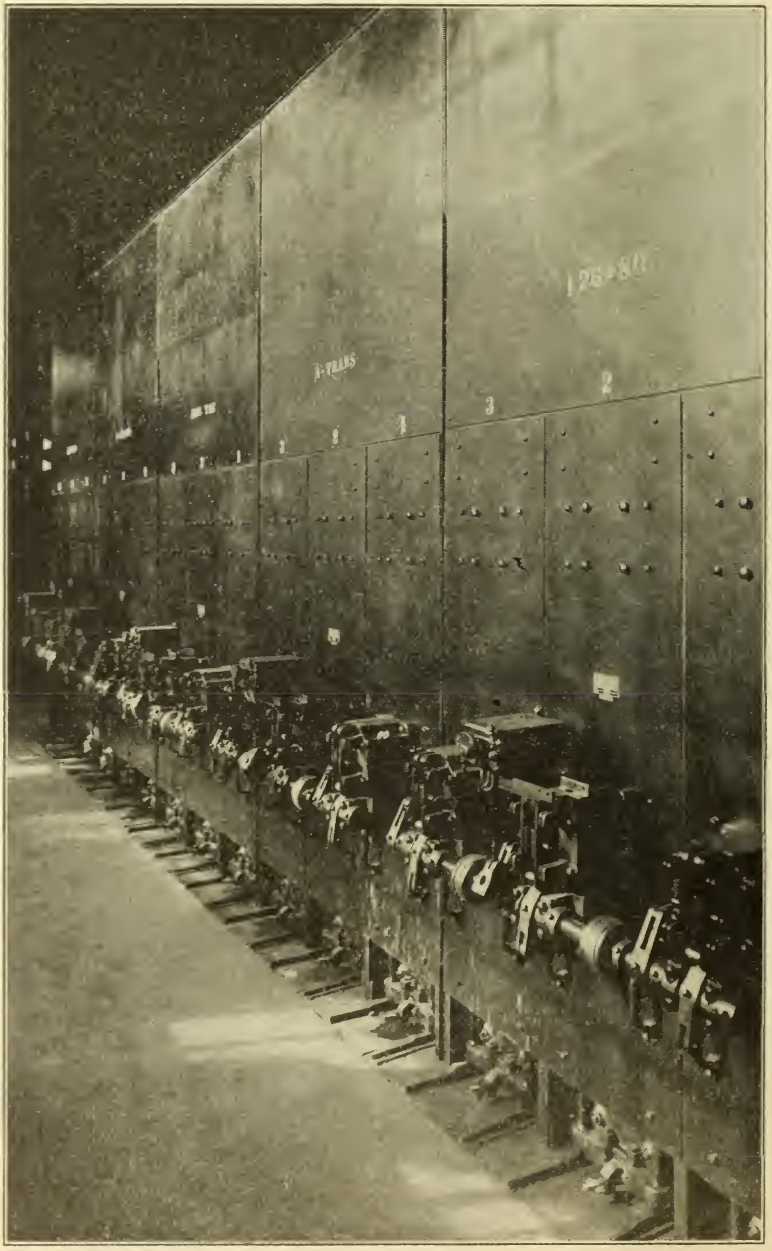

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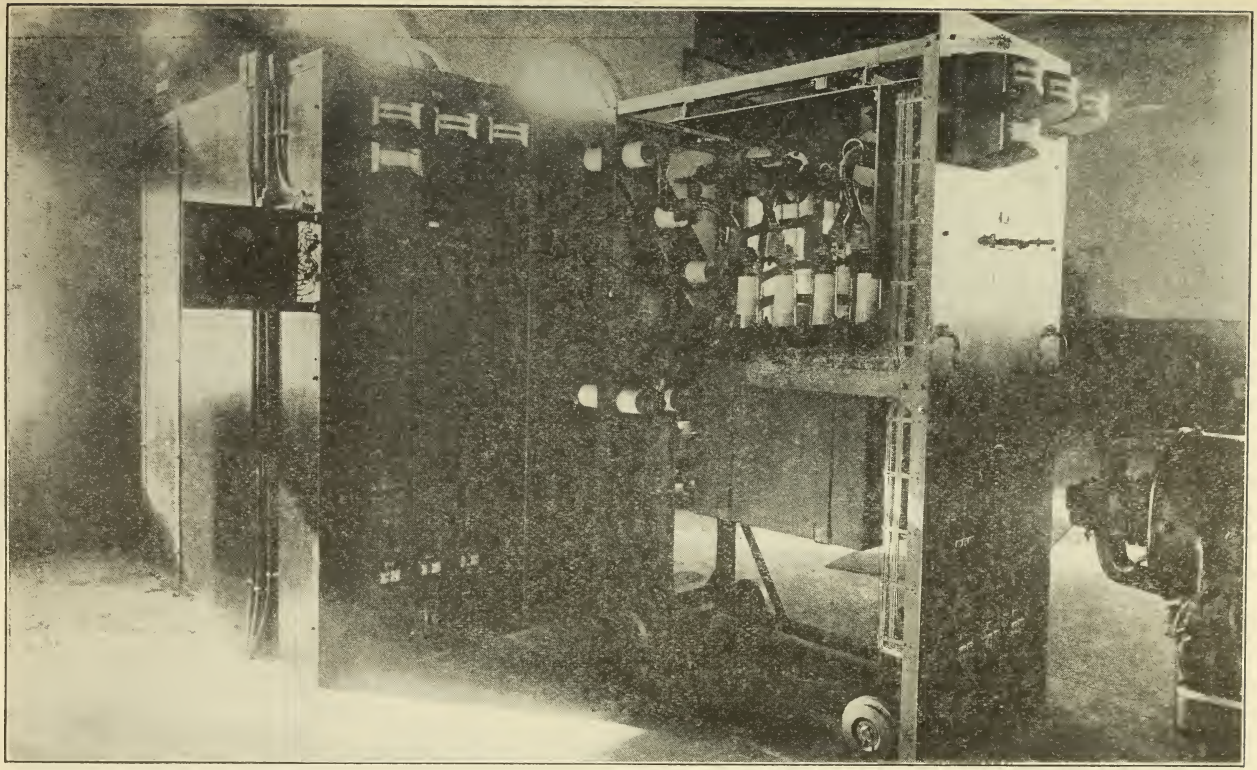

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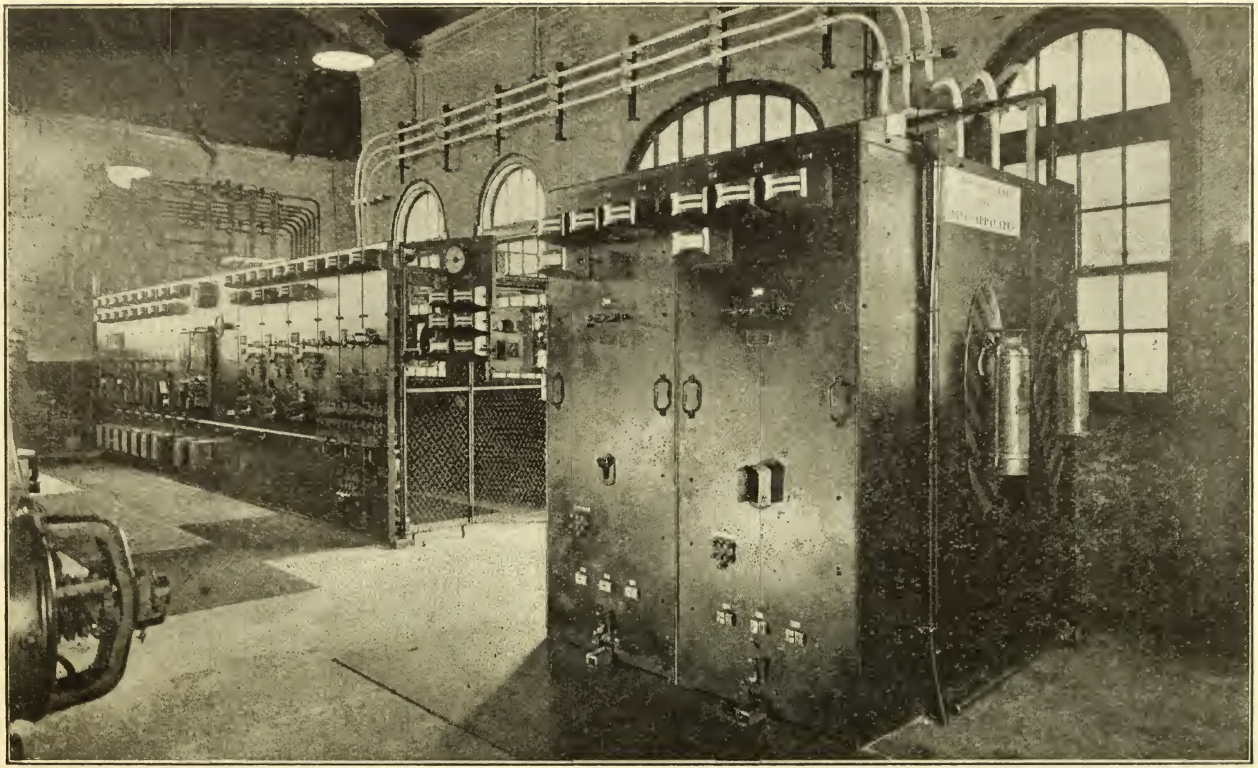

2300 volt truck type switches, cable tie, generating and distributing panels

New Garage and Store Room

At the Annual Meeting in March an appropriation of $13,000 was voted for the construction of a garage and store room on Ash Street adjacent to the power station. Bonds for the above amount were issued and sold by the Treasurer. Mr. George H. Sidebottom was engaged as Architect. Proposals were advertised for in accordance with the Town By-Laws and quotations were requested covering hollow tile and also concrete block construction. Proposals were received from ten contracting firms, the bids ranging from $12,566 for concrete block construction, to $20,900 for hollow tile construction. Hollow tile construction was decided on, as its appearance would harmonize with the brick power station, and the contract was awarded to A. B. Carter and Sons of Boston, for the sum of $12,934, this firm being the lowest bidder. The builders contract did not cover the cost of heating, plumbing, wiring and fixtures, or grading. The heating and plumbing contract was awarded to The D. O. Miller Company of Reading, they having submitted the lowest bid.

The wiring and fixtures were installed by our own employes. The lighting and power for the building was connected to the transformers in the power station, through underground services from the basement of the power station.

The heating of the building is accomplished by the use of two I. L. G. Unit Heaters supplied with steam from the power station through underground pipes, the heat being distributed by motor-driven fans.

The grading was done by Percy N. Sweetser.

The total cost of the completed building was $16,537.18 as follows:

Contract for building, with extras	$ 12,713.75
Hardware	216.28
Wiring and fixtures	445.03
Plumbing and heating	1,575.04
Grading	220.50
Bins, racks, lockers, etc.	376.13
Contractor's Bond	194.01
Architect's Fee	796.44
Total	$ 16,537.18

The cost of moving from the old to the new stock room was $294.60.

NEW GARAGE AND STORE ROOM

Christmas Decorations

The decorative lighting on the streets and municipal buildings, which was installed at the suggestion of the Reading Board of Trade, evidently met with the approval of our citizens. It also created considerable interest in our Town from citizens of the surrounding towns, and the expense was undoubtedly warranted.

The labor and material for this work cost the department $786.59. The current used was 1850 kilowatt hours, which at the average production cost would amount to $37.00, making the total cost $823.59. The lamps, wires and sockets cost $409.09 and, of course, can be used for several years.

Rates

I recommend a reduction of one cent per kilowatt hour in the maximum lighting rates, to take effect on all bills rendered on and after March 1, 1927. This reduction will effect a saving to customers of approximately $14,000.00 per year.

At the present time any residence customer, who installs cooking, heating, or refrigeration and desires to obtain service at the heating and cooking rate, must have additional wiring installed in order to use the various small appliances on the low rate. It is also necessary to have two meters and receive two bills for the monthly service.

There seems to be no good reason why residence customers should not be offered a rate which will enable them to make full use of all the service they desire, and have it measured by one meter and charged on one bill.

I therefore recommend that the following new rates be offered to residence customers, to take effect March 1, 1927:

Domestic Cooking and Refrigeration Rate

Available for lighting and all other domestic uses in a private dwelling or apartment where all the electric service is taken under this rate and the connected load includes an electric range or electric water heater of not less than 2400 watts rated capacity, or an electric refrigerator.

To customers in Reading:

8 cents per kilowatt hour for the first 25 kilowatt hours per month.
3 cents per kilowatt hour for the excess.
10% discount for payment within 15 days from date of bill.
Minimum net bill, $24.00 per year.

To customers in Lynnfield Centre, North Reading and Wilmington:

10 cents per kilowatt hour for the first 25 kilowatt hours per month.
3 cents per kilowatt hour for the excess.
10% discount for payment within 15 days from date of bill.
Minimum net bill, $24.00 per year.

I have made allowance for the decrease in revenue, due to the above reduction in lighting rates, in my estimate for 1927 which follows, together with tables showing data from the records at the office.

ESTIMATE FOR 1927

Expenses

For Operation, Maintenance and Repairs		$147,078.00
For Interest on Bonds and Notes		4,954.50
For Depreciation at 4% on cost of plant		24,533.58
For Bond Payments		12,500.00
For Note Payments		3,300.00
For Taxes		500.00
For Uncollectible Operating Revenues		2,000.00
Total expenses		$194,866.08

Income

From Sales to Private Consumers		$191,600.00
From Sundry Sales		550.00
From Tax Levy at average cost per K. W. H.:		
For Street Lights	$ 13,500.00	
For Municipal Buildings	2,000.00	15,500.00
Total Income		$207,650.00

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR G. SIAS, Manager.

The Manager's report as herewith submitted is approved.

HENRY R. JOHNSON,
HERBERT G. EVANS,
HARRY P. BAKER,
Municipal Light Board.

DATA FROM RECORDS OF PLANT

Kilowatt hours manufactured	3,600.580
Kilowatt hours purchased	819.787
Kilowatt hours for Reading Street Lights	249,386
Kilowatt hours sold	3,071,944
Kilowatt hours used at station and office	366,352
Kilowatt hours unaccounted for	732,685
Coal used, net tons	5,740.2
Average cost of coal per net ton	$6.488
Poles added	213
Feet of wire added	223,371
New services installed	452
Street lamps installed	23

Connected Load December 31, 1926

Number of customers	4,786
Horse power in motors	1,429
Number of public street lights	1,571
Number of private street lights	31

Reading

Number of customers December 31, 1926	2,766
Number of 40 candle power public street lights	3
Number of 60 candle power public street lights	505
Number of 100 candle power public street lights	15
Number of 250 candle power public street lights	68
Number of 600 candle power public street lights	48
Number of 1000 candle power public street lights	4
Number of 60 candle power private street lights	10
Number of 100 candle power private street lights	3
Number of 250 candle power private street lights	1
Horse Power in Motors	1,233.2
Earnings for year	$131,181.69

Lynnfield Centre

Number of customers December 31, 1926	355
Number of 40 candle power public street lights	131
Number of 40 candle power private street lights	4
Horse power in motors	19
Earnings for year	$ 11,055.42

North Reading

Number of customers December 31, 1926	605
Number of 40 candle power public street lights	291
Number of 40 candle power private streets lights	8
Horse power in motors	133.5
Earnings for year	$ 22,664.61

Wilmington

Number of customers December 31, 1926	1,060
Number of 40 candle power public street lights	506
Number of 40 candle power private street lights	5
Horse power in motors	43.3
Earnings for year	$ 37,054.31

COST OF DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN OUTSIDE TOWNS

Lynnfield Centre

Total Investment to December 31, 1926:		
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors ..	$ 18,152.95	
Consumers' Meters	3,652.91	
Line Transformers	2,329.36	
Street Lighting Equipment	1,244.09	
		$ 25,379.31

North Reading

Total Investment to December 31, 1926:		
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors ..	$ 45,085.11	
Consumers' Meters	6,510.64	
Line Transformers	5,464.85	
Street Lighting Equipment	2,454.75	
		$ 59,515.35

Wilmington

Total Investment to December 31, 1926:		
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors ..	$ 75,859.75	
Consumers' Meters	9,367.72	
Line Transformers	7,101.11	
Street Lighting Equipment	3,978.00	
		$ 96,306.58
Total Investment—Outside Towns		$181,201.24
Total Income—Outside Towns—1926 ...		70,774.34

Earnings from Light and Power—5 Years

	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
Light	$119,815.79	$121,697.50	$123,659.16	$129,679.78	$143,872.22
Power	35,689.35	45,085.82	54,230.00	55,812.94	58,083.81
Totals	$155,505.14	$166,783.32	$177,889.16	$185,492.72	$201,956.03

Note—The above table includes the income from the appropriation for street lights and Municipal Buildings.

TABLE A

Year	Income from Sale of Electricity	Income from Other Sources	Appropriations from Tax Levy for Street Lights	Appropriations from Tax Levy for Construction	Production Expense	Distribution and Utilization Expense	Miscellaneous Expense	Interest	Depreciation	Bond and Note Payment	Total Cost of Plant December 31
1910	$25,668.87	$604.88	$10,000.00	$270.00	$13,228.57	$3,271.76	$4,429.32	$2,535.75	$3,556.00	$4,000.00	$135,992.62
1911	31,317.40	410.77	5,800.00	1,000.00	13,066.25	6,353.77	5,753.84	2,767.00	4,079.78	4,500.00	144,714.06
1912	37,171.93	599.07	5,000.00	5,500.00	17,546.87	5,605.41	5,605.18	3,018.21	4,143.80	7,200.00	173,091.96
1913	44,664.70	671.87	6,000.00	5,076.19	20,054.99	10,705.42	10,214.88	3,515.40	4,788.80	6,800.00	202,518.81
1914	49,799.75	791.14	4,500.00	4,132.07	19,014.03	7,784.82	8,697.05	4,453.33	6,051.08	9,000.00	233,509.58
1915	51,603.32	640.25	10,500.00	none	18,292.78	10,329.83	7,730.32	4,640.42	6,972.28	9,500.00	254,349.09
1916	61,900.01	911.69	5,000.00	none	22,261.19	13,986.22	8,316.39	4,704.99	7,597.47	10,800.00	269,898.27
1917	67,593.64	2,422.92	8,750.00	none	30,460.16	14,557.81	11,577.08	5,070.43	8,096.95	11,300.00	285,428.29
1918	78,096.09	1,537.86	11,000.00	none	41,006.13	13,572.51	11,311.54	6,882.24	8,529.85	14,800.00	348,871.08
1919	100,844.10	1,100.11	14,450.00	none	45,006.98	13,864.14	13,874.46	7,416.21	10,419.76	14,800.00	389.564.73
1920	126,152.11	1,094.66	11,000.00	none	56,187.74	17,085.95	17,142.48	7,850.70	15,507.13	18,300.00	421,048.20
1921	135,886.69	219.20	17,500.00	none	52,738.98	24,453.15	16,594.65	7,423.10	16,767.55	19,300.00	449,540.12
1922	155,505.14	451.50	15,300.00	none	55,137.36	22,473.04	38,489.58	6,807.64	17,959.59	16,800.00	477,852.76
1923	166,783.32	464.31	14,800.00	none	62,619.57	20,247.54	15,607.11	6,437.28	19,011.08	15,800.00	505,983.28
1924	177,889.16	1,373.72	12,000.00	none	61,286.63	25,898.28	30,817.91	6,174.57	20,136.30	15,800.00	530,147.28
1925	185,492.72	1,112.19	11,000.00	none	73,140.10	28,272.55	34,188.95	5,482.46	21,102.86	13,800.00	568,524.09
1926	201,956.03	467.05	12,000.00	none	88,478.94	29,349.46	31,167.10	5,100.14	22,637.93	12,800.00	615,915.35

TABLE B

Year	K. W. H. Generated	K. W. H. Purchased	K. W. H. Sold	K. W. H. Deilvered to Read'g St. Lights	K. W. H. Used to Stat'n Stock Room & Appliance Room	K. W. H. Unaccounted for	Net Tons of Coal Used	Average Cost of Coal Per Ton	Number of Customers	Number of Street Lights	Horse Power in Motors
1910	698,597		300,861	227,100	16,269	154,367	1,748.3	3.461	738	269	116 1-2
1911	771,011		367,317	244,055	15,403	144,236	1,807.6	3.341	888	382	215
1912	919,282		481,801	242,033	13,307	182,141	2,247.8	3.741	1,078	698	242 1-4
1913	1,045,592		599,893	255,744	15,283	174,672	2,680	3.941	1,263	903	272
1914	986,476		578,709	187,590	15,283	204,894	2,496.4	3.666	1,390	993	313 7-10
1915	980,688		548,607	156,505	10,403	265,173	2,298.2	3.578	1,599	1,181	381
1916	1,231,677		751,735	170,810	13,916	295,216	2,741.7	3.934	1,805	1,225	441
1917	1,291,216		812,507	168,535	12,464	297,710	3,086.7	6.348	1,964	1,295	492
1918	1,318,546		976,121	125,820	10,573	206,032	3,348.8	7.875	2,083	1,303	672
1919	2,056,834		1,358,028	172,948	189,067	336,791	3,640	7.517	2,333	1,339	886
1920	2,297,237		1,444,960	175,704	257,999	418,574	3,615	10.352	2,617	1,363	812.5
1921	2,193,092		1,471,698	178,892	146,206	396,296	3,308.4	10.171	2,939	1,473	1,120.5
1922	2,609,076		1,583,716	183,250	276,477	565,633	3,791.5	9.00	3,234	1,481	1,197.5
1923	3,039,677	3,520	2,046,848	183,935	342,189	470,225	4,577.7	8.94	3,666	1,494	1,367.5
1924	3,572.588		2,463,602	209,738	392,281	506,967	5,379.5	6.503	4,058	1,537	1,281.8
1925	4,051,182	25,495	2,848,309	241,476	383,152	578,245	6,317.7	6,358	4,472	1,572	1,395.2
1926	3,600,580	819,787	3,071,944	249,386	366,352	732,685	5,740.2	6.488	4,786	1,602	1,429

TABLE C

Manufacturing Costs Per K. W. H. Based on Total K. W. H. Delivered at Switchboard

Year	K. W. H. Purchased	Fuel	Labor	Repairs and Other Station Expenses	Total Costs
1910		.0086	.0075	.0026	.0187
1911		.0078	.0069	.0021	.0168
1912		.0091	.0071	.0027	.0189
1913		.0101	.0070	.0020	.0191
1914		.0092	.0082	.0017	.0191
1915		.0085	.0087	.0013	.0185
1916		.0087	.0071	.0022	.0180
1917		.0144	.0075	.0015	.0234
1918		.0200	.0085	.0025	.0310
1919		.0133	.0066	.0019	.0218
1920		.0162	.0071	.0009	.0242
1921		.0153	.0077	.0009	.0240
1922		.0131	.0066	.0014	.0211
1923		.0134	.0057	.0014	.0205
1924		.00979	.0055	.00166	.01695
1925		.00991	.0054	.00272	.01803
1926	.0285	.01034	.0056	.00212	.0200

TABLE D

Average Cost Per K. W. H. As Defined by Chapter 164, General Laws

	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920
Operating Costs:	.0397	.0483	.0362	.0586	.0467	.0577	.0538	.0509	.0558
Fixed Costs:	.0198	.0176	.0254	.0299	.0261	.0249	.0274	.0213	.0259
Total Costs:	.0595	.0659	.0616	.0885	.0728	.0826	.0812	.0722	.0817

	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
Operating Costs :	.0640	.0561	.0494	.0377	.0442	.0448
Fixed Costs:	.0330	.0278	.0185	.0138	.0131	.0129
Total Costs:	.0970	.0839	.0679	.0515	.0573	.0577

UNPAID BILLS

	Dr.	Cr.
H. L. Abbott	$ 2.00	$
Addressograph Co.	3.09	
Aetna Electric Appliance Co.	21.66	
American Railway Express Co.	14.84	
Karl Andren Co.	52.11	
Automatic Electric Heater Co.	12.20	

J. Brinton Bailey	519.17	
W. Bancroft Co.	17.49	
Van I. Bennett	15.84	
Boston & Maine Railroad	632.30	
C. Bowen	.60	
Braman Dow Co.	6.99	
Bristol Co.	7.80	
George H. Buckminister Co.	2,504.21	
Builders Iron & Steel Co.	161.55	
Castner, Curran & Bullitt, Inc	9,320.54	
Century Electric Company	2.03	
Chandler & Farquhar Co.	10.04	
A. W. Chesterton Co.	4.42	
Clapp & Leach, Inc.	48.97	
Crandall Packing Co.	2.77	
Cummings Express Co.	22.60	
E. B. Currell & Son	32.79	
H. I. Dallman Co.	22.01	
L. W. Dickinson & Son	1.47	
Charles Doyle	6.25	
Dyer Clark Co.	271.43	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.	29.98	
E. W. Eames	40.00	
Eastern Service Company		83.95
Edison Electric Appliance Co.	.25	
Edison Electric Illuminating Co.	1,884.03	
Electric Blower Co.	17.87	
Electric Machine & Instrument Co.	94.50	
Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Co.	551.76	
T. C. Fife	1.19	
Francis Bros.	8.51	
Garlock Packing Co.	9.27	
General Electric Co.	285.40	
Globe Paper Co.	1.39	
L. B. Renfrew Gray	20.14	
Graybar Electric Co.	47.39	
F. S. Hardy & Co.	326.57	
E. E. Harnden	82.54	
Hart & Hegeman Mfg. Co.	.73	
Hayes Pump & Machinery Co.	24.15	
Hobbs & Warren	14.57	
Hodge Boiler Works	26.12	
Howe & French, Inc.	71.91	
India Alkali Works	15.90	
Jenkins Bros.	45.68	
Johns-Manville, Inc.	8.87	

John Street Garage	13.00	
Kelvinator Boston, Inc.	274.17	
D. M. Laffin	9.00	
Landers, Frary & Clark		68.10
Lewis Electrical Supply Co.	50.79	
Linscott Motor Co.	5.36	
Lowell Electric Light Corp.	7.47	
Lumsden & Van Stone Co.	188.24	
Magee Furnace Co.	7.19	
Mathias-Hart Co.	33.35	
J. M. Maxwell, Jr. & Son	23.28	
H. B. McArdle	43.05	
The Miller Co.	10.50	
D. O. Miller Co.	18.17	
Frank W. Morse Co.	1.07	
Myers Auto Supply Co.	85.94	
New England Iron Works	13.48	
New England Lamp Division	1,340.62	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	299.43	
Olmstead Flint Co.	2.15	
Perrin Seamans Co.	6.84	
R. V. Pettingell Elec. Supply Co.	158.21	
Pettingell-Andrews Co.	551.60	
Portland Stone Ware Co.	191.00	
Robbins Phalon Co.	806.63	
Rochester Germicide Co.	13.50	
Ryan & Buker, Inc.	247.80	
Reading Motor Co.	19.78	
Reading Tire Shop	1.50	
Sager Electrical Supply Co.	15.81	
The Savogran Co.	17.60	
P. J. Seaman	24.30	
Simplex Electric Heating Co.	13.58	
Fred F. Smith	9.00	
Spaulding Moss Co.	1.85	
Spencer Regulator Co.	8.49	
Standard Electric Stove Co.	4.05	
Chas. E. Stanwood & Sons	1.20	
Star Brass Mfg. Co.	2.83	
Stearns, Perry & Smith Co.	12.50	
S. R. Stembridge Co.	21.56	
Sterling Battery Co.	16.40	
Percy N. Sweetser	261.14	
Taylor Instrument Co.	1.27	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	139.10	
United States Post Office	180.00	

Vye Neill Co.	204.15	
Wagner Electric Corp.	4.75	
George H. Wahn Co.	210.31	
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.	46.03	
Welsbach Co. of N. E.	2.22	
Webster, Thomas Co.	68.81	
Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.		**26.57**
Wetmore Savage Co.	49.12	
Wetmore Savage Auto Equipment Co.	92.00	
Woburn Machine Co.	58.59	
Yawman & Erbe	7.60	
Zanni & Co.	121.85	
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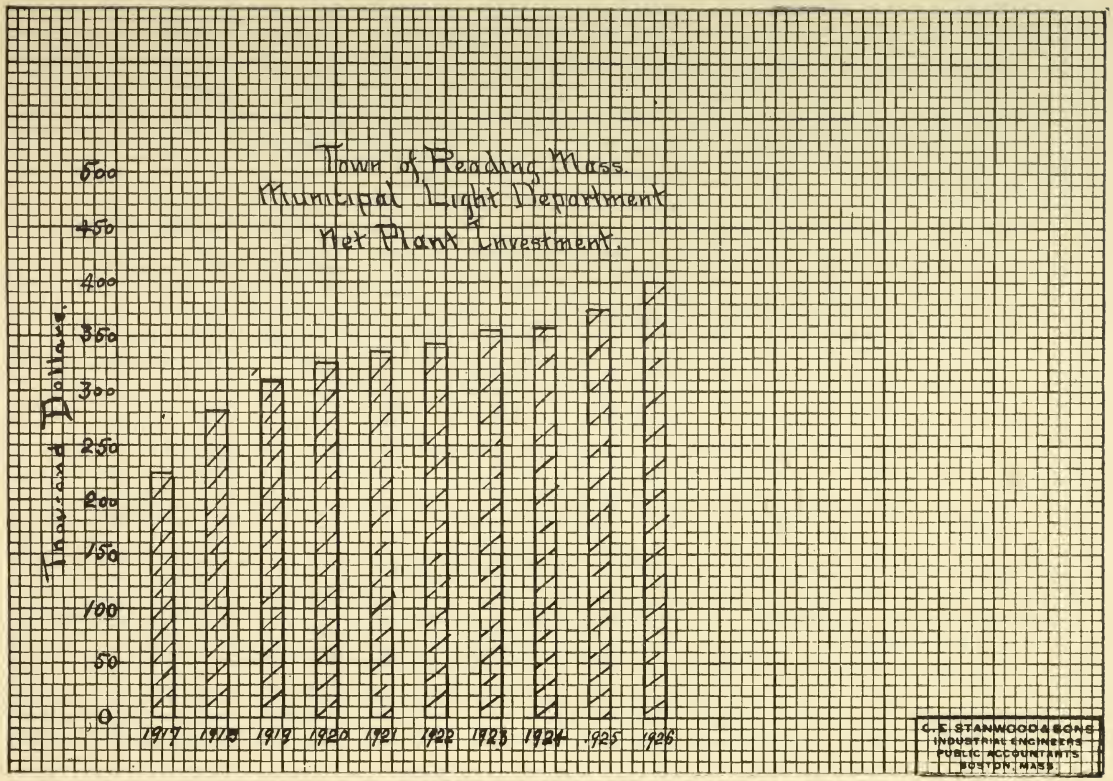
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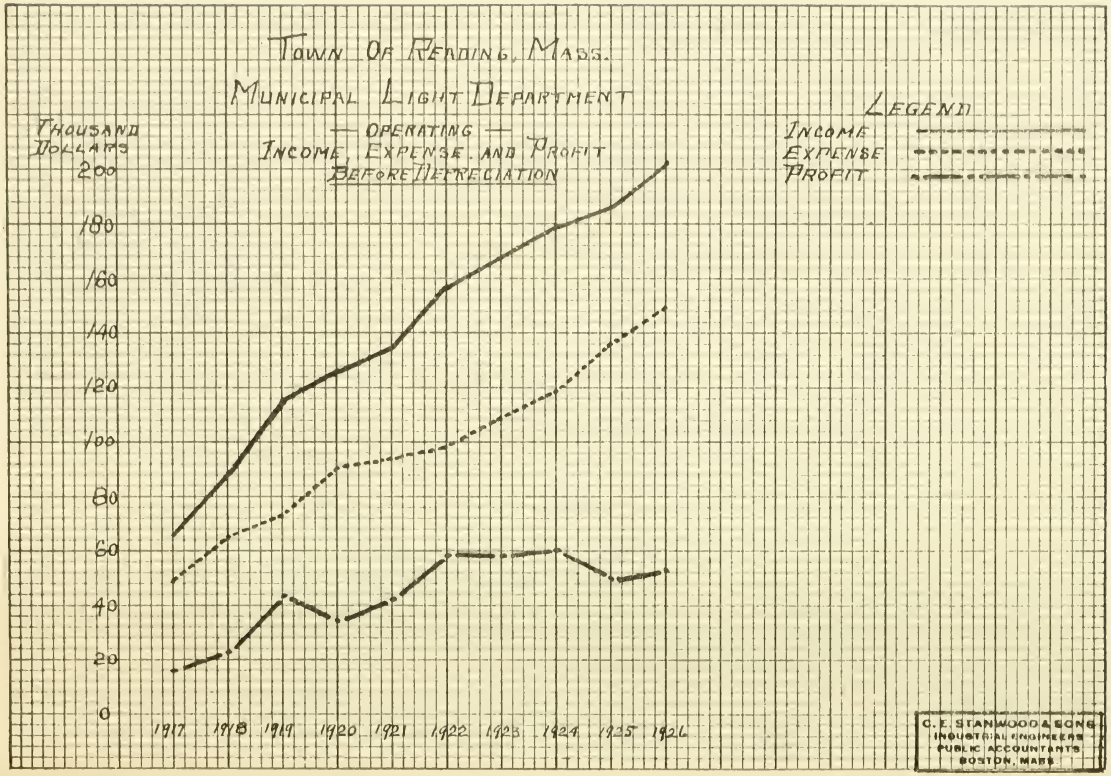
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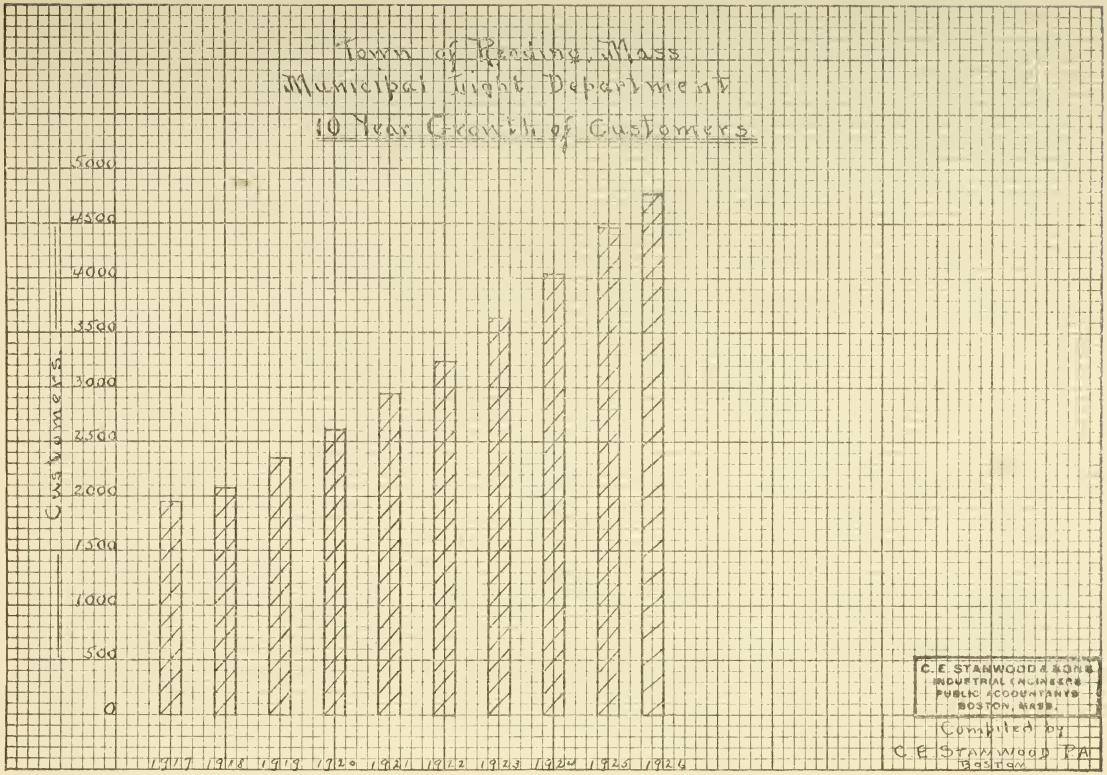
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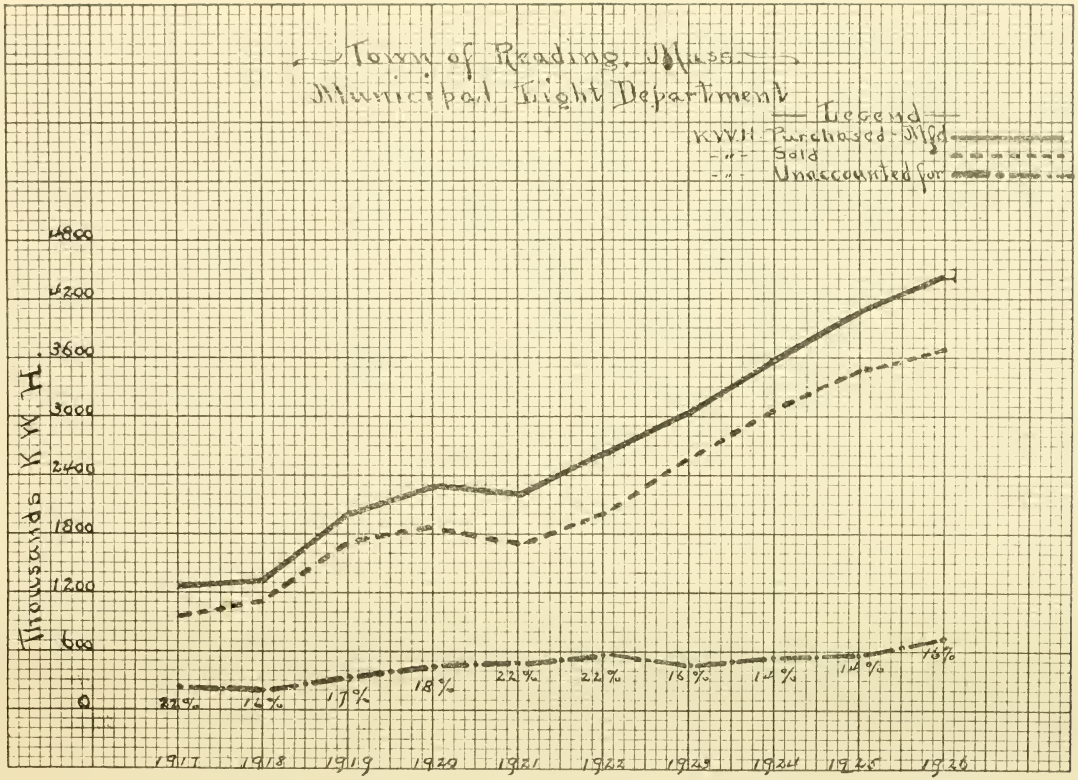
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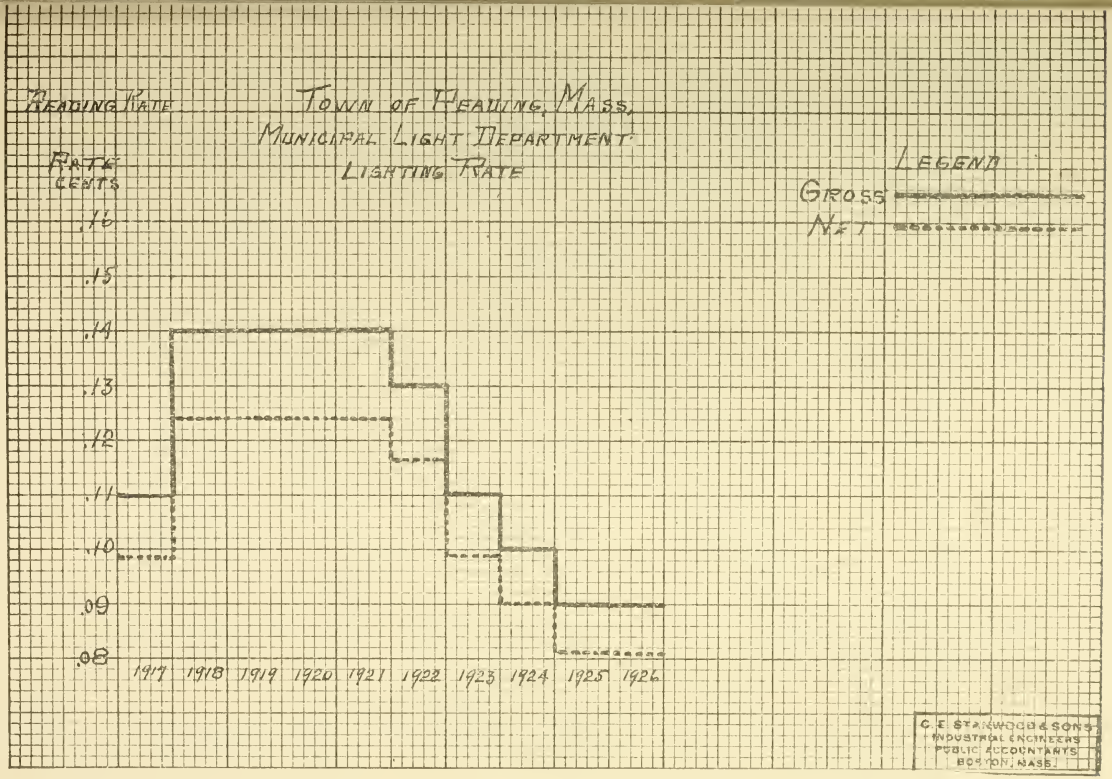
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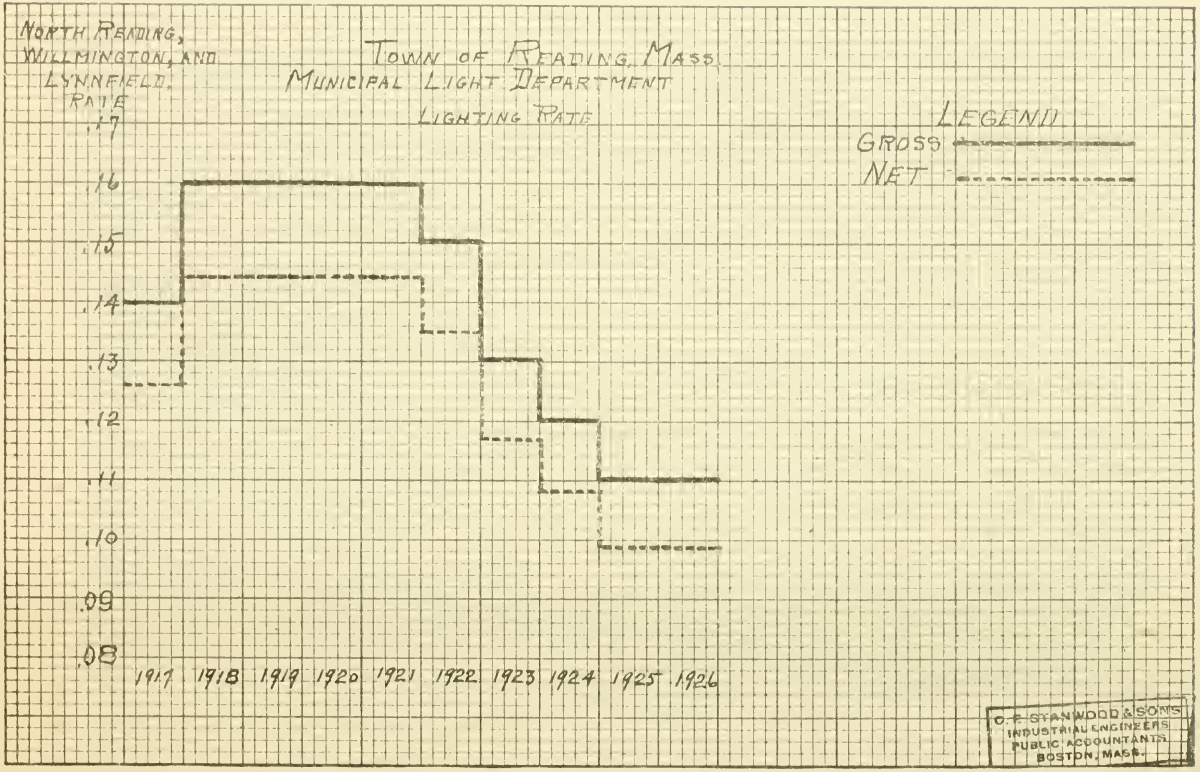
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INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
BOSTON, MASS.

REPORT OF AUDITOR FOR YEAR 1926

February 1, 1927.

To the Municipal Lighting Board,
Reading, Mass.
Gentlemen:

In accordance with your order, we have examined the books and records of the Municipal Light Department for the year ended December 31, 1926 and submit herewith our report.

Attached hereto and forming a part of this report are audited schedules as follows:

"A"—Comparative Balance Sheet
"B"—Comparative Condensed Statement of Operations
"C"—Profit and Loss Detail
"D"—Comparative Detail of Operating Revenue
"E"—Comparative Detail of Operating Expense
"F"—Bond and Note Schedule
"G"—Detail of Accounts Payable

Plant Investment—$399,845.37:

Additions to Plant Investment for the year 1926 amounted to $47,391.30, consisting principally of the cost of garage and store structure ($16,537.18) and service and extension additions to Poles, Fixtures & Overhead Conductors ($18,519.67.) The total Plant Investment as shown in Schedule "A" of this report, we believe, fairly represents the cost thereof less depreciation to date. Depreciation at 4% of the cost of plant less land values was charged off during 1926 and properly recorded.

Petty Cash—$150.00:

This fund was originated by a loan to the Municipal Light Department by the Town Treasurer and is shown in Schedule "A" as part of the amount due the Town Treasurer December 31, 1926. This fund was counted and found to be correct.

Consumers' Deposit Fund—$1,403.75:

The passbook of the Mechanics Savings Bank of Reading was examined and found to agree with the books of the Department. There is a difference of one dollar, however, between the amount in this fund and the actual outstanding deposits. Interest received on this fund has been withdrawn and credited to the proper account.

Accounts Receivable—$21,783.50:

An analysis of this account was made as at November 30, 1926 and found to be in agreement with control balance. From this analysis, a detail of all accounts ninety days or more in arrears was compiled. In 1926, there was charged off as uncollectible $1,873.86. Discontinued inactive accounts amount to $4,562.57 against which the above charge off was applied. The balance of these discontinued accounts ($2,688.71) is believed by the department bookkeeper to be collectible.

Accounts Receivable—Miscellaneous—$17,360.96:

This account was also analyzed as at November 30, 1926. No accounts were charged off as uncollectible during 1926 on this division of Accounts Receivable.

Material & Supplies:

Physical inventories were taken December 31, 1926 by clerks of your Department. All items on each inventory were checked by us as to price and extensions. Proper adjustments were made on the books to bring all material and supply book accounts into agreement with values shown by the inventory.

Prepaid Insurance—$1,967.94

This account represents unexpired insurance premiums on policies covering the Municipal Light Department. Fire Insurance is covered by a blanket policy held by the Town and prorated among the different Town Departments. No bill has been received for 1926 fire coverage on the Municipal Light Department. The Light Department holds the following policies:

Travelers Ins. Co.—Employees' Liability
Travelers Ins. Co.—Public Liability
Royal Indemnity Co.—Breakdown on Plant Equipment
Royal Indemnity Co.—Breakdown on Plant Equipment

Bonds—$101,500.00:

Bonds to the amount of $9,500.00 were retired during the past year. A bond issue of $13,000.00 was made during 1926 for construction of new garage and storeroom. Schedule "F" of this report gives full detail of all Bond and Note Issues. Outstanding bonds and notes were checked.

Notes Payable—$10,200.00:

Notes to the amount of $3,300.00 were paid off during 1926. There were no note issues during the year.

Accounts Payable—$23,166.50:

A detailed analysis of Accounts Payable was made and found to be in agreement with the Control Account. A slight adjustment of 31c was necessary to bring the account into agreement at the close of the year. In several cases, credit extends over several months as shown in Schedule "G".

Consumers' Deposits—$1,403.75:

Individual deposits were checked and amounted to $1,402.75. This difference of $1.00 is due to over-deposit of that amount during the summer of 1926. This error will be adjusted in January 1927. Interest was not paid to customers on December 1st as per custom. Your accountant advises that same will be paid during February 1927.

Due Town Treasurer: $23,668.71:

Representing Light Department vouchers paid by the Town Treasurer in excess of cash receipts of the Department as follows:

Overpayment Year 1925	$ 7,353.18
Overpayment Year 1926	16,165.53
Total Overpayment	$23,518.71

There is also an amount of $150.00 representing a Petty Cash Fund of the Lighting Department loaned by the Town Treasurer January 1, 1925 and carried over by agreement instead of being returned at the close of each year. This amount is not included in the above total.

Accrued Interest on Bonds and Notes—$1,267.04:

Representing actual accrued interest for 1926 on Bonds and Notes outstanding December 31, 1926.

Income—$201,956.03:

Total electric operating revenue as shown in Schedule "B" represents an increase of $16,463.31 over 1925 and $24,084.39 increase over 1924 revenue.

Expenses—$171,633.43:

Total electric operating expenses have increased by $14,928.97 over 1925. This is due largely to the purchase of additional electric energy necessary for operations of the Department.

Merchandise & Jobbing Revenue—$3,931.87 (Loss):

The loss in Jobbing Revenue is due to a campaign of electric range sales installation to be made free of charge with each purchase of a range. The purpose of this campaign was to increase the sales of electric energy.

General Comment:

We recommend a monthly balance sheet and operating statement instead of the operating statement now compiled. This statement to include a monthly prorate of insurance, interest and other fixed charges to be prorated over the year. Such a statement would give your Board accurate information at the cose of each month.

Since it is impossible to cover many items of interest in this report, we would appreciate an opportunity to answer any questions your Board desires. We are submitting under separate cover detailed schedule of delinquent Accounts Receivable.

We wish to express our appreciation for the helpful assistance rendered by the employes of the Department during our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. STANWOOD & SONS,

By Charles E. Stanwood,
Accountants & Auditors

F. J. Stanwood
W. W. Scott
H. W. Leatherbee

SCHEDULE "A"

TOWN OF READING, MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31

ASSETS

	1926	1925	INCREASE DECREASE
Plant Investment:			
111 Land	$ 2,575.80	$ 2,575.80	
113 Structures	37,437.27	20,900.09	$16,537.18
Generating Plant—Steam:			
114 Boiler Plant Equipment	36,816.16	38,419.85	**1,603.69**
115 Prime Movers & Auxiliaries	15,129.83	16,445.47	**1,315.64**
116 Turbo-Generator Units	23,593.83	25,645.47	**2,051.64**
117 Electric Plant—Steam	20,812.63	19,500.97	1,311.66
Transmission, Distribution & Storage:			
125 Poles, Fixtures & O/H Cond.	170,701.28	161,895.37	8,805.91
128 Consumers' Meters	38,048.65	36,196.61	1,852.04
129 Consumers' Meter Inst.	5,205.93	4 821.80	384.13
130 Line Transformers	34,923.33	34,196.58	726.75
131 Transformer Installations	3,396.96	3,354.69	42.27
Utilization Equipment:			
132 Street Lighting Equip.	10,774.71	10,845.35	70.64
133 Consumers' Premises Equip.	428.99	293.99	135.00
TOTAL PLANT INVESTMENT	$399,845.37	$375,092.04	$24,753.33
General Equipment:			
150 Office Equipment	2,863.00	2,812.75	50.25
152 Stores Equipment	446.33		446.33

LIABILITIES

	1926	1925	INCREASE DECREASE
301 Appropriations for Const.	$ 30,678.26	$ 30,678.26	
302 Bonds	101,500.00	98,000.00	3,500.00
303 Notes Payable	10,200.00	13,500.00	**3,300.00**
TOTAL BONDS & NOTES	$111,700.00	$111,500.00	$ 200.00
Current Liabilities:			
308 Accounts Payable	$ 23,166.50	$ 27,391.40	$ **4,224.90**
309 Consumers' Deposits	1,403.75	1,241.75	162.00
312 Due Town Treasurer (Loan)	23,668.71	7,503.18	16,165.53
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	$ 48,238.96	$ 36,136.33	$12,102.63
Accrued Liabilities:			
314 Interest on Bonds & Notes	$ 1,267.04	$ 1,190.90	$ 76.14
Appropriated Surplus:			
322 Loans Repayment	247,200.00	234,400.00	12,800.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$439,084.26	$413,905.49	$25,178.77
Profit & Loss:			
400 Profit & Loss—Balance	$ 54,720.15	$ 48,066.04	$ 6,654.11

154	Laboratory Equipment	1,067.15		1,067.15
153	Transportation Equipment ..	3,900.00	3,950.00	**50.00**
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		$408,121.85	$381,854.79	$26,267.06
Current Assets:				
204	Petty Cash Fund	$ 150.00	$ 150.00	
204	Construction Fund			
205	Consumers' Deposit Fund ..	1,403.75	1,241.75	162.00
207-1	Accts. Rec. Elec. Consumers	21,783.50	17,168.63	4,614.87
207-2	Accts. Rec.—Misc.	17,360.96	17,897.81	**536.85**
Material & Supplies:				
209-1	Material & Supplies—Gen'l.	25,050.68	23,580.18	1,470.50
209-2	Station Tools & Appli.	470.55	471.77	**1.22**
209-3	Dist. Tools & Appliances ..	1,821.37	2,070.91	**249.54**
209-4	Printing & Office Supplies..	508.38	656.62	**148.24**
209-6	Coal Supply—Electric	1,408.12	2,284.75	**876.63**
209-9	Station Supplies	941.11	1,358.55	**417.44**
209-10	Lamps & Appliances	12,816.20	12,385.11	431.09
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		$ 83,714.62	$ 79,266.08	$ 4,448.54
Prepaid Accounts:				
213	Insurace General	$ 1,967.94	$ 850.66	$ 1,117.28
TOTAL ASSETS		$493,804.41	$461,971.53	$31,832.88

TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS	$493,804.41	$461,971.53	$31,832.88

SCHEDULE "B"

TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS—12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1926

	1926	1925	Increase Decrease
REVENUE FROM SALE OF ELECTRIC ENERGY:			
501-1 Comm'l Incand. Light Meter	$116,752.81	$103,826.67	$ 12,926.14
501-2 Power for Motors	32,556.89	34,008.76	1,451.87
501-3 Heating and Cooking	22,638.70	19,367.32	3,271.38
504 Power for other Elec. Cos.	173.83	164.09	9.74
505-1 Public Incand. Lighting	25,311.66	24,074.35	1,237.31
505-2 Municipal Lighting	1,807.75	1,614.67	193.08
505-3 Municipal Power	2,714.39	2,436.86	277.53
Total Revenue—Electric Energy	$201,956.03	$185,492.72	$ 16,463.31
REVENUE FROM MISC. ELEC. OPERATIONS:			
508 Rent from Property used in Operations	$ 467.05	$ 473.25	$ 6.20
Total Elec. Operating Revenue	$202,423.08	$185,965.97	$ 16,457.11
ELECTRIC OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Production	$ 88,478.94	$ 73,140.10	$ 15,338.84
Transmission & Distribution	23,580.09	23,118.30	461.79
Utilization	5,769.37	5,154.25	615.12
Commercial	10,303.35	10,098.69	204.66
New Business	2,171.46	2,976.79	805.33
General & Miscellaneous	41,330.22	42,216.33	886.11
Total Electric Operating Expenses	$171,633.43	$156,704.46	$ 14,928.97
Net Operating Revenue	$ 30,789.65	$ 29,261.51	$ 1,528.14
Ratio Operating Expense to Operating Revenue	.848	.843	.005
550 Uncoll. Operating Revenue	$ 1,873.86	$ 41.05	$ 1,832.81
551 Taxes Assignable to Electric Operations	472.50	537.23	64.73
Net Operating Income	$ 28,443.29	$ 28,683.23	$ 239.94
NON-OPERATING INCOME:			
560 Mdse. and Jobbing Income	$ 3,931.87	$ 497.89	$ 4,429.76
563 Interest Income	42.83	141.05	98.22
Gross Income	$ 24,554.25	$ 29,322.17	$ 4,767.92

DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS INCOME:			
576 Int. on Bonds & Notes Payable	$ 5,100.14	$ 5,482.46	$ 382.32
Net Income	$ 19,454.11	$ 23,839.71	$ 4,385.60

SCHEDULE "C"

TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT—12 MONTHS ENDED DEC. 31, 1926

	1926	1925	Increase Decrease
401 Balance, January 1st, 1926	$ 48,066.04	$ 38,026.33	$ 10,039.71
CREDITS:			
Net Income from Schedule "B"	$ 19,454.11	$ 23,839.71	$ 4,385.60
Total	$ 67,520.15	$ 61,866.04	$ 5,654.11
LESS:			
Bonds Paid	$ 9,500.00	$ 9,500.00	
Notes Paid	3,300.00	4,300.00	1,000.00
	$ 12,800.00	$ 13,800.00	$ 1,000.00
400 Balance, December 31st, 1926	$ 54,720.15	$ 48,066.04	$ 6,654.11
NET INCREASE IN SURPLUS FOR YEAR	$ 6,654.11	$ 10,039.71	$ 3,385.60

SCHEDULE "D"

TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
DETAIL OF OPERATING INCOME

	1926	1925	Increase Decrease
COMM'L INCANDESCENT LIGHTING METER:			
Reading	$ 72,418.80	$ 66,571.43	$ 5,847.37
Lynnfield Centre	7,631.95	6,552.56	1,079.39
North Reading	12,309.54	9,949.87	2,359.67
Wilmington	24,392.52	20,752.81	3,639.71
	$116,752.81	$103,826.67	$ 12,926.14
POWER FOR MOTORS:			
Reading	$ 27,968.95	$ 29,857.63	$ 1,888.68
Lynnfield Centre	358.77	353.12	5.65
North Reading	3,233.64	2,842.93	390.71
Wilmington	995.53	955.08	40.45
	$ 32,556.89	$ 34,008.76	$ 1,451.87

HEATING AND COOKING:			
Reading	$ 14,097.97	$ 12,018.84	$ 2,079.13
Lynnfield Centre	1,296.14	1,056.46	239.68
North Reading	3,211.61	2,871.92	339.69
Wilmington	4,032.98	3,420.10	612.88
	$ 22,638.70	$ 19,367.32	$ 3,271.38
PUBLIC INCANDESCENT LIGHTING:			
Reading	$ 12,000.00	$ 11,000.00	$ 1,000.00
Lynnfield Centre	1,768.56	1,763.65	4.91
North Reading	3,909.82	3,766.40	143.42
Wilmington	7,633.28	7,544.30	88.98
	$ 25,311.66	$ 24,074.35	$ 1,237.31
POWER FOR OTHER ELECTRIC COMPANIES:			
Wakefield	$ 57.44	$ 42.12	$ 15.32
Lowell	116.39	121.97	5.58
	$ 173.83	$ 164.09	$ 9.74
MUNICIPAL LIGHTING	$ 1,807.75	$ 1,614.67	$ 193.08
MUNICIPAL POWER	$ 2,714.39	$ 2,436.86	$ 277.53
Total Revenue from Sale of Electric Energy	$201,956.03	$185,492.72	$ 16,463.31

SCHEDULE "E"

TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

DETAIL OF OPERATING EXPENSES

		1926	1925	Increase Decrease
PRODUCTION EXPENSE:				
601-5	Labor	$ 20,275.84	$ 21,892.19	$ 1,616.35
606	Boiler Fuel	37,245.06	40,301.89	3,056.83
607	Water for Steam	429.87	188.53	241.34
608	Lubricants	257.83	260.33	2.50
609	Station Supplies & Expense	881.02	993.05	112.03
611	Mt. of Station Structures	433.10	326.74	106.36
612	Mt. of Boiler Plant Equip.	3,528.30	7,845.00	4,316.70
614	Mt. of Turbo-Generator Units	1,334.00	503.53	830.47
615	Mt. of Elec. Generating Equip.	399.87	61.58	338.29
616	Mt. of Accessory Elec. Equip.	350.78	94.64	256.14
634	Electric Energy Purchased	23,343.27	672.62	22,670.65
		$ 88,478.94	$ 73,140.10	$ 15,338.84

TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION EXPENSE:				
638	Oper. of Trans. & Dist. Lines	$ 12,102.85	$ 11,622.80	$ 480.05
639	Trans. & Dist. Sup. & Expense	776.77	625.39	151.38
640	Inspecting & Testing Meters	1,283.60	1,212.51	71.09
641	Removing —Resetting Meters	784.47	860.19	**75.72**
642	Removing & Resetting Transf.	521.17	511.24	9.93
647	Mt. of Trans. & Dist. Lines	7,737.51	7,935.82	**198.31**
650	Mt. of Consumers' Meters ..	67.14	152.17	**85.03**
651	Mt. of Transformers	306.58	198.18	108.40
		$ 23,580.09	$ 23,118.30	$ 461.79
UTILIZATION EXPENSE:				
654	Municipal St. Lamps—Labor	$ 1,083.78	$ 1,083.32	$ .46
655	Mun. St. Lamps—Sup. & Exp.	1,736.66	1,751.29	**14.63**
657	Mt. Municipal St. Lamps	322.91	906.24	**583.33**
659	Mt. Consumers' Installations	2,626.02	1,413.40	1,212.62
		$ 5,769.37	$ 5,154.25	$ 615.12
COMMERCIAL EXPENSE:				
660	Commercial Salaries	$ 8,120.14	$ 8,899.27	**$ 779.13**
661	Comm'l Supplies & Expense	2,183.21	1,199.42	983.79
		$ 10,303.35	$ 10,098.69	$ 204.66
NEW BUSINESS EXPENSE:				
662	New Business Salaries	$ 1,477.70	$ 1,859.29	**$ 381.59**
664	Advertising	693.76	1,117.50	**423.74**
		$ 2,171.46	$ 2,976.79	**$ 805.33**
GENERAL & MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE:				
666	Salary of Manager	$ 4,680.00	$ 3,869.86	$ 810.14
667	Salaries Gen'l Office Clerks	3,242.51	2,809.83	432.68
668	Gen'l Office Sup. & Exp.	885.10	1,926.57	**1,041.47**
670	Law Expense—General	74.71		74.71
671	Insurance	3,827.61	4,184.75	**357.14**
673	Accidents & Damages	58.17	11.60	46.57
674	Store Expense	393.58	274.58	119.00
675	Transportation Expense	2,898.46	2,775.80	122.66
676	Inventory Adjustments	2,032.27	2,565.98	**533.71**
678	Depreciation	22,637.93	21,102.86	1,535.07
679	Misc. General Expense	599.88	2,694.50	**2,094.62**
		$ 41,330.22	$ 42,216.33	**$ 886.11**
Total Electric Operating Expense		$171,633.43	$156,704.46	$ 14,928.97

SCHEDULE "F"

TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

ORIGINAL ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES AND AMOUNTS OUTSTANDING DEC. 31, 1926

BONDS

No. of Issue	Date Authorized	Date Issued	Original Amount	Pymts on Principal	Rate of Int.	Date of Int. Payment	Purpose	Accrued Interest	Amount outstanding Dec. 31' 1926
1st	Aug. 1894	Oct. 1, 1894	$ 50,000	$1,000 yearly 10 yrs. 2,000 yearly 20 yrs.	4	Apr. 1-Oct. 1	Establishing Plant		
2nd	May 1907	Oct. 1, 1907	26,000	1,000 yearly 26 yrs.	4½	Apr. 1-Oct. 1	Additions	$ 78.75	$ 7,000
3rd	June 1911	July 15, 1911	20,000	2,000 yearly 10 yrs.	4	Jan. 15-July 15	Wilmington Line		
4th	Aug. 1913	Oct. 15, 1913	23,500	1,500 yearly 9 yrs. 1,000 yearly 10 yrs.	4¼	Apr. 15-Oct. 15	Station	53.13	6,000
5th	Sept. 1914	Sept. 15, 1914	8,000	500 yearly 16 yrs.	4½	Mar. 15-Sept. 15	Reading	26.25	2,000
6th	Mar. 1916	May 15, 1916	10,000	500 yearly 20 yrs.	4	May 15-Nov. 15	New Construction	25.00	5,000
7th	Mar. 1917	Oct. 1, 1917	55,000	3,000 yearly 18 yrs. 1,000 1936	4½	Apr. 1-Oct. 1	Additions	315.00	28,000
8th	Oct. 1918	Jan. 1, 1919	12,000	1,000 yearly 4 yrs. 500 yearly 16 yrs.	4½	Jan. 1-July 1	Additions	146.25	6,500
9th	Mar. 1919	Apr. 1, 1919	20,000	1,000 yearly 20 yrs.	4¾	Apr. 1-Oct. 1	Additions	154.37	13,000
10th	Mar. 1920	May 1, 1920	20,000	1,000 yearly 20 yrs.	5	May 1-Nov. 1	Additions	116.67	14,000
11th	Dec. 1923	Dec. 1, 1923	10,000	1,000 yearly 10 yrs.	4½	June 1-Dec. 1	Additions	26.25	7,000
12th	Mar. 1926	Aug. 1, 1926	13,000	3,000 Aug. 1, 1927 2,000 yearly 5 yrs.	4	Feb. 1-Aug. 1	New Garage & Storeroom	216.67	13,000
			$267,500					$1,158.34	$101,500

NOTES												
1st	Mar.	1895	May	1, 1896	$ 7,000	$1,400 yearly	5 yrs.	4	Nov. 1-May 1	Construction of Plant		
2nd	Mar.	1896	May	1, 1896	7,000	1,400 yearly	5 yrs.	4	Nov. 1-May 1	Construction of Plant		
3rd	Dec.	1896	Dec.	9, 1896	1,500	1,500 yearly	1 yr.	4	June 9-Dec. 9	Construction of Plant		
4th	Mar.	1898	July	15, 1898	3,000	1,000 July 15, 1901 2,000 July 15, 1904		3¾	Jan. 15-July 15	New Generator		
5th	Mar.	1903	Dec.	7, 1903	1,400	1,400 Dec. 7, 1906		4	June 7-Dec. 7	Renewal of Note		
6th	Mar.	1909	Nov.	15, 1909	2,500	1,000 Nov. 15, 1910 1,500 Nov. 15, 1911		4	May 15-Nov. 15	Lynnfield Ctr. Lines		
7th	Nov.	1909	Jan.	21, 1910	1,800	1,800 Jan. 31, 1913		4	July 21-Jan. 21	New Construction		
8th	Jan.	1910	Mar.	27, 1910	12,000	1,000 yearly	12 yrs.	4	Sept. 27-Mar. 27	New Construction		
9th	June	1911	July	12, 1911	2,200	2,200 July 12, 1912		4	Jan. 12-July 12	No. Reading Lines		
10th	Mar.	1913	Apr.	16, 1913	13,500	1,500 yearly	9 yrs.	4¼	Oct. 16-Apr. 16	New Construction		
11th	Mar.	1915	May	15, 1915	12,000	800 yearly	15 yrs.	4	Nov. 15-May 15	New Construction	$ 16.00	$ 3,200
12th	Mar.	1915	June	15, 1915	4,000	500 yearly	8 yrs.	4	Jan. 15-July 15	Reading		
13th	Mar.	1917	Sept.	22, 1917	6,500	500 yearly	13 yrs.	5	Mar. 22-Sept. 22	New Construction	27.22	2,000
14th	Nov.	1919	Nov.	20, 1919	3,000	1,500 yearly	2 yrs.	5	May 20-Nov. 20	New Construction		
15th	Mar.	1921	July	1, 1921	7,000	1,000 yearly	7 yrs.	6	Jan. 1-July 1	Additions	60.00	2,000
16th	Dec.	1922	Dec.	15, 1922	7,000	1,000 yearly	7 yrs.	4¼	June 15-Dec. 15	Additions	5.48	3,000
											$ 108.70	$ 10,200
					$ 91,400						$1,267.04	$111,700

SCHEDULE "G"

TOWN OF READING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

DETAIL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1926

Name	Amount	Date of Oldest Bill
Abbott, H. L.	$ 2.00	December 10
Addressograph Company	3.09	November 1
Aetna Electric Appliance Co.	21.66	August 3
American Railway Express Co.	14.84	December 27
Andren Company, Karl	52.11	August 18
Automatic Electric Heater Co.	12.20	September 30
Bailey, J. Brinton	519.17	September 3
Bancroft Co., W.	17.49	December 1
Bennett Van I.	15.84	December 18
Boston & Maine Railroad	632.30	December 1
Bowen C.	.60	November 30
Braman Dow Company	6.99	September 17
Bristol Company	7.80	November 29
Buckminster Co., George H.	2,504.21	August 5
Builders' Iron & Steel Co.	161.55	September 18
Castner Curran & Bullitt Inc.	9,320.54	October 1
Century Electric Co.	2.03	December 23
Chandler & Farquhar Co.	10.04	June 5
Chesterton Co., A. W.	4.42	September 2
Clapp & Leach Inc.	48.97	November 30
Crandall Packing Co.	2.77	December 20
Cummings Express Co.	22.60	December 31
Currell & Son E. B.	32.79	December 1
Dallman Co. H. I.	22.01	August 26
Dickinson & Son, L. W.	1.47	December 31
Doyle, Charles	6.25	September 30
Dyer, Clark Co.	271.43	August 27
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.	29.98	July 20
Eames, E. W.	40.00	December 31
Eastern Service Co.	83.95	September 11
Edison Electric Appliance Co.	.25	October 15
Edison Electric Illuminating Co.	1,884.03	December 31
Electric Blower Co.	17.87	November 16
Electric Machine & Instrument Co.	94.50	July 27
Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Co.	551.76	September 22
Fife, T. C.	1.19	December 21
Francis Brothers	8.51	December 31
Garloc Packing Co.	9.27	December 1
General Electric Co.	285.40	November 4
Globe Paper Co.	1.39	December 24
Gray, L. B. Renfrew	20.14	December 2

Graybar Electric Co.	47.39	December	6
Hardy & Co., F. S.	326.57	November	4
Harnden, E. E.	82.54	December	31
Hart & Hegerman Mfg. Co.	.73	November	29
Hayes Pump & Machinery Co.	24.15	September	29
Hobbs & Warren	14.57	November	9
Hodge Boiler Works	26.12	October	30
Howe & French, Inc.	71.91	September	7
India Alkali Works	15.90	October	2
Jenkins Brothers	45.68	August	16
Johns-Manville Inc.	8.87	November	24
John Street Garage	13.00	December	31
Kelvinator Boston Inc.	274.17	November	18
Laffin, D. M.	9.00	December	31
Landers, Frary & Clark	68.10	November	16
Lewis Electrical Supply Co.	50.79	December	8
Linscott Motor Co.	5.36	November	23
Lowell Electric Light Corp.	7.47	December	31
Lumsden & Van Stone Co.	188.24	October	30
Magee Furnace Co.	7.19	November	23
Mathias-Hart Co.	33.35	October	27
Maxwell, J. M. Jr. & Son	23.28	October	18
McArdle, H. B.	43.05	September	14
Miller Co., The	10.50	December	20
Miller Co., D. O.	18.17	November	30
Morse, Frank W. Co.	1.07	September	20
Myers Auto Supply Co.	85.94	November	1
New England Iron Works	13.48	November	23
New England Lamp Division	1,340.62	September	29
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	299.43	August	27
Olmstead Flint Co.	2.15	October	4
Perrin Seaman Co.	6.84	September	24
Pettingell Electric Supply Co., R. V.	158.21	September	10
Pettingell Andrews Co.	551.60	July	23
Portland Stone Ware Co.	191.00	September	24
Robbins-Phalon Co.	806.63	September	3
Rochester Germicide Co.	13.50	September	23
Ryan & Buker Inc.	247.80	September	15
Reading Motor Co.	19.78	December	31
Reading Tire Shop	1.50	December	31
Sager Electrical Supply Co.	15.81	November	27
Savogran Co., The	17.60	December	14
Seaman, P. J.	24.30	December	1
Simplex Electric Heating Co.	13.58	November	10
Smith Fred E.	9.00	December	
Spaulding Moss Co.	1.85	November	30
Spencer Regulator Co.	8.49	November	9

Standard Electric Stove Co.	4.05	November	6
Stanwood, Chares E. & Sons	1.20	November	
Star Brass Mfg. Co.	2.83	September	14
Stearns, Perry & Smith Co.	12.50	November	13
Stembridge Co. S. R.	21.56	December	31
Sterling Battery Co.	16.40	December	17
Sweetser, Percy N.	261.14	December	31
Taylor Instrument Co.	1.27	December	7
Twombly, W. E. & J. F.	139.10	November	1
United States Post Office	180.00	December	27
Vye Neill Co.	204.15	August	19
Wagner Electric Corp.	4.75	December	9
Wahn Co., George H.	210.31	November	1
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.	46.03	October	18
Welsbach Co. of N. E.	2.22	December	2
Webster Thomas Co.	68.81	October	11
Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. Co.	26.57	October	6
Wetmore Savage Co.	49.12	July	15
Wetmore Savage Auto Equipment Co.	92.00	December	18
Woburn Machine Co.	58.59	October	30
Yawman Erbe	7.60	December	17
Zanni & Co.	121.85	November	30
Total Accounts Payable	$23,166.50		

SCHEDULE "H"

TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
LIST OF EMPLOYEES BONDED—DECEMBER 31, 1926

Name	Position	Amount Of Bond	Premium
Muriel C. Thomas	Cashier	$ 1,000.00	2.50
Addie M. Putney	Collector	1,000.00	2.50
George M. Roundy	Collector	1,000.00	2.50
Clarence L. Thomas	Meter Reader and Collector	1,000.00	2.50
Arthur G. Sias	Manager	1,000.00	2.50
Edward Oscar Herrick	Appliance Sales Mgr.	1,000.00	2.50
John R. Anderson	Collector	1,000.00	2.50
Fred G. Sargent	Bookkeeper and Office Mgr.	1,000.00	2.50
Edward E. Harnden	Salesman	1,000.00	2.50
Paul Edwin Lane	Salesman and Collector	1,000.00	2.50
McLaughlin & Dennison	Collection Agency	1,000.00	2.50
Charles E. Tasney	Meter Reader	1,000.00	2.50
Charles P. Stratton	Distribution Engineer	1,000.00	2.50
Hazel Crocker Killam	Stenographer	1,000.00	2.50
Christine Cheney	Clerk	1,000.00	2.50
Kathleen H. Merritt	Clerk	1,000.00	2.50
John W. Babine	Meter Reader	1,000.00	2.50
		$17,000.00	$42.50

Annual Report

OF THE

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

For the Year Ended December 31

1926

Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—The annual report of the accounting department, showing the receipts and expenditures, and other information relative to the financial transactions of the Town, is herewith submitted.

The Treasurer's accounts have been audited, bank balances and cash verified and proved.

The accounts of Trust Funds have been audited, securities examined and bank balances verified.

The Collector's accounts have been examined, collections checked with payments to the Treasurer, and Auditor's statements of unpaid taxes, at date of audit, have been sent out.

The books and accounts of the Water Dept., Sewer, Moth and Cemetery Departments and of the Sealer of Weights and Measures have been examined and verified.

Statements of balances have been furnished the several departments or the accounts checked with the Accountant's ledger.

Acknowledgment is made, with appreciation, of the continued co-operation of the Board of Selectmen and other officials and department heads with this office.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON G. BENT, Town Accountant.

December 31, 1926.

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

Receipts for 1926

Grace V. Viall, Collector:		
Taxes, Polls, Personal, Real Estate	$461,742.88	
Interest on Taxes	5,047.07	
Moth Assessments	902.85	
Sewer Assessments and Interest	3,477.89	
Sewer Rentals	6,717.51	
Sidewalk Assessments	41.36	
Summons, Costs & Charges, less fees	508.15	
Redemption of Property	825.14	
		$479,244.85
Wilfred A. Bancroft, Treasurer:		
Interest on Deposits	1,295.81	
Premiums on Bonds	32.79	
Moth and Tree Work bills, 1925-1926	1,298.50	
Sidewalk Work bills	234.36	
Cemetery Bequest Fund,		
Bequests	1,860.00	
Interest	2,024.78	
For re-investment	10,445.24	
Premiums	79.69	
Hospital Fund, Bequest, additional	87,000.00	
Interest	9,049.39	
For re-investment	23,566.80	
Reading High School Scholarship Fund,		
Interest	211.84	
Withdawn for Scholarships	200.00	
Geo. F. Buck Fund, Interest	3.44	
Library Fund Interest	5.04	
Withdrawn for Library	116.35	
Sale of Property taken for Taxes	2,200.00	
Loans, Anticipation of Revenue	370,000.00	
Loans, Anticipation of Serial Bonds, Junior High School	75,000.00	
Loans, Municipal Light Dept. Extension	13,000.00	
		592,624.03
County of Middlesex, Dog Tax		1,314.10
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Income Tax	31,178.78	
Income Tax Supplementary Distribution	9,555.40	

Corporation Tax	10,085.75	
National Bank Tax	1,308.15	
Trust Company Tax	393.64	
Street Railway Tax	841.65	
Soldiers' Exemption	92.96	
State Aid, Reimbursement	330.00	
Military Aid, Reimbursement	15.00	
		53,801.33
Board of Selectmen, Licenses and Permits		765.00
Police Department, Court Fines		215.00
Fire Department, Sale of old material		88.60
Tree Warden Department, for damage to trees		310.00
Rents, Municipal Property		895.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures, Fees		54.94
Board of Health, Licenses		117.00
Board of Public Works, Sundry		35.77
Board of Public Welfare:		
Com. of Mass., Reimbursements		
Mothers' Aid	1,757.54	
Temporary Aid	2,143.71	
Other Aid	183.59	
City of Boston, Aid Reimbursement	124.17	
Soldiers' Relief, Reimbursement	64.00	
Sundry Reimbursements	99.82	
		4,372.83
School Department:		
Tuition State Wards	1,852.42	
Tuition City Wards	1,096.29	
Tuition Town of No. Reading	6,962.20	
Tuition Sundry Parties	144.35	
Comm. of Mass. Voc. Ed.	1,339.68	
Tuition Reimbursement	274.94	
Smith-Hughes Fund	313.29	
Sundry Receipts	77.85	
		12,061.02
Public Library, Fines		298.00
Cemetery Department:		
Sale, Lots and Graves	1,790.00	
Care Lots and Graves	2,503.67	
Cemetery Bequest Fund for Care	1,445.24	
		5,738.91
Sewer Department, House Connection, Guarantee Deposits		1,962.84
Water Department, meter rates, etc		49,522.72
Municipal Light Department, Light & Power Rates, etc. (Bond Issue not included)		233,486.24

Insurance, Payment of loss	50.01	
Insurance, Rebates on premiums	64.35	
		114.36
Sale Land, Lowell St. School Lot		37.22
Comm. of Mass. Pedlers' Licenses		28.00
Miscellaneous Receipts		5.62
Refunds:		
Acct. Municipal Building Maint.	3.00	
Acct. Highway Dept. Maint.	94.83	
Acct. Forest Warden Maint.	3.00	
Acct. School Dept. Gen'l Maint.	515.57	
Acct. School Dept. Salaries	138.34	
Acct. Forest Glen Cemetery	25.12	
		779.86
		$1,442,873.24

PAYMENTS 1926

Cemetery Reserve Fund	110.00
Overlay 1925 Refunds	63.13
Overlay 1926 Refunds	74.05
Moderator's Salary	60.00
Selectmen's Expenses	313.70
Selectmen's Clerical	1,310.00
Accountant's Salary	2,000.00
Treasurer's Salary	1,200.00
Treasurer's Expenses	370.47
Collector's Salary	2,000.00
Collector's Expenses	801.32
Collector's Clerical	178.50
Assessors' Salaries	1,800.00
Assessors' Expenses	1,999.52
Assessors' Clerical	1,325.00
Block System Survey	255.50
Town Counsel's Salary and Expenses	543.04
Town Clerk's Salary	350.00
Town Clerk's Expenses	544.91
Board of Public Works, Salaries & Expenses	5,099.81
Registrars' Salaries	250.00
Election Expenses	1,507.75
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,594.93
Municipal Building Maintenance	2,332.49
Fire Stations Maintenance and Repairs	1,571.66
Victory House Lighting	107.15
G. A. R. Rooms Lighting	8.15
G. A. R. Rooms Rent	300.00
Insurance	3,926.79

Interest	19,929.69
Police Department Maintenance	1,747.66
Police Department Salaries	20,976.66
Police Department Special Officers	1,121.58
Fire Department Maintenance & New App.	9,726.63
Fire Department Salaries	15,561.30
Fire Department Call Men Pay Roll	3,519.00
Fire Alarm Maintenance and new boxes	2,012.51
Moth Department Maintenance	6,177.82
Tree Warden Maintenance	1,808.82
Forest Warden Maintenance	216.41
Hydrant Rentals	7,035.00
Drinking Fountains	100.00
Inspector of Buildings Salary	500.00
Inspector of Wires Salary	100.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Salary	400.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expenses	101.80
Health Department Salaries	300.00
Health Department Expenses	556.53
Inspector of Plumbing Salary	800.00
Inspector of Animals Salary	200.00
Inspector of Milk Salary	100.00
Care of Contagious Diseases	451.97
Garbage Collection	1,980.00
Sewer Department, Maintenance and Construction	5,353.61
House Connections Account	2,060.02
Highway Department:	57,738.92
Snow and Ice Removal	16,638.86
Drainage Ditches Cleaning	2,825.32
Street Lighting	12,000.00
Dept. of Public Welfare, Maintenance	6,914.27
Dept. of Public Welfare, Clerical Salary	352.00
Dept. of Public Welfare, Visitor's Salary	400.00
Dept. of Public Welfare, Mothers' Aid	2,257.55
Dept. of Public Welfare, Temporary Aid	2,200.66
State Aid, Acct. Civil War	348.00
Soldiers' Relief	3,179.62
School Department:	
General Maintenance	41,076.46
Salaries	135,423.19
Agricultural Maintenance	500.00
Agricultural Salaries	2,833.36
Tuition, Vocational Education	750.01
Public Library Maintenance	3,342.31
Public Library Salaries	3,458.58
Park Department, Maintenance	2,287.23

Laurel Hill Cemetery Maintenance	12,411.60	
Water Department, Maintenance, Etc.	50,552.94	
Municipal Light Department, Maintenance, Etc.	262,684.56	
Care of Soldiers' Graves	475.88	
Memorial Day Observance	423.44	
Board of Public Welfare Special	359.92	
South Street Repairs	96.38	
Re-imbursement Collector of Taxes	763.28	
Channell Property Taxes	215.10	
Sidewalk Municipal Bldg. Lot	3,000.00	
Sidewalk Reading Square	1,000.00	
Victory House Maintenance	500.00	
Child Welfare Work	300.00	
Middlesex Co. Bureau of Agriculture	200.00	
Planning Board Exp.	201.11	
School Land, Survey, Etc.	515.52	
Forest Glen Cemetery Development	6,746.55	
School Land Purchase	19,143.50	
Drainage System	12,959.45	
Highland School Lot Fence	37.50	
Junior High School Bldg.	112,405.51	
County Tax	17,854.37	
State Tax	21,600.00	
State Highway Tax	3,923.00	
Fire Prevention Tax	113.34	
Municipal Lighting Tax	50.74	
Corporation Tax	59.09	
Water Mains, Construction	7,565.98	
Metropolitan Sewer Assessments	11,829.64	
Temporary Loans	335,000.00	
Maturing Debt, not including Water & Light Dept.	15,000.00	
Cemetery Bequest Fund, Bequests & Inc., Trans.	14,409.71	
Geo. F. Buck Fund, Income Transfer	3.44	
Library Fund, Income Transfer	121.39	
Reading High School Scholarship Fund Transfer.	411.84	
Hospital Fund Transfer	119,616.19	
Total Payments		$1,463,110.53

TREASURER'S CASH

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1926	$ 52,837.94	
Receipts, 1926	1,442,873.24	
	$1,495,711.18	
Payments 1926	1,463,110.53	
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1926		$ 32,600.65

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1926

General Government:		
Moderator's Salary	$ 60.00	
Selectmen's Expenses	300.00	
Selectmen's Clerical	1,310.00	
Town Accountant's Salary	2,000.00	
Treasurer's Salary	1,200.00	
Treasurer's Expenses	400.00	
Collector's Salary	2,000.00	
Collector's Expenses	700.00	
Collector's Clerical	150.00	
Assessors' Salaries	1,800.00	
Assessors' Expenses	2,000.00	
Assessors' Clerical	1,300.00	
Block System Survey	250.00	
Town Counsel Salary and Expenses	600.00	
Town Clerk's Salary	350.00	
Town Clerk's Expenses	600.00	
Bd. of Pub. Wks. Sal. and Off. Exp.	5,100.00	
Registrars' Salaries	250.00	
Election and Registration Expenses	1,000.00	
		$ 21,370.00
General Accounts:		
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,500.00	
Municipal Building Maintenance	2,500.00	
Fire Stations Maint. and Repairs	1,600.00	
Victory House Light	150.00	
G. A. R. Rooms Light	25.00	
Insurance	4,500.00	
Interest	18,500.00	
Maturing Debt	5,000.00	
Planning Board Expenses	250.00	
		$ 35,025.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Dept. Maintenance	$ 1,633.00
Police Dept. Salaries	20,808.92
Police Dept. Special Officers	200.00
Fire Dept. Maintenance	3,836.00
Fire Dept. Salaries	15,270.36
Fire Dept. Call Men Salaries	3,544.00
Fire Alarm Maint. and New Boxes	1,410.00
Moth Dept. Maintenance	6,200.00
Tree Warden Maintenance	1,500.00
Forest Warden Maintenance	500.00
Hydrant Rentals	7,035.00

Drinking Fountains	100.00	
Inspector of Buildings' Salary	500.00	
Inspector of Wires' Salary	100.00	
Sealer of W. and M.'s Salary	400.00	
Sealer of W. and M.'s Expenses	100.00	
		$ 63,137.28

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health, Salaries	$ 300.00	
Board of Health, Expenses	600.00	
Inspector of Plumbing, Salary	800.00	
Inspector of Animals, Salary	200.00	
Inspector of Milk, Salary	100.00	
Care Contagious Diseases	2,000.00	
Garbarge Collection	1,980.00	
		$ 5,980.00

HIGHWAYS

Highways Dept. Maintenance	$ 56,000.00	
Snow and Ice Removal	15,000.00	
Cleaning Drainage Ditches	3,000.00	
		$ 74,000.00
Street Lighting		$ 12,000.00

CHARITIES AND AID

Board of Public Welfare:		
Visitor's Salary	$ 400.00	
Clerical Salary	352.00	
Aid, Board and Care	8,000.00	
Mothers' Aid	2,500.00	
Temporary Aid	2,000.00	
		$ 13,252.00

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

State Aid	$ 500.00	
Military Aid	200.00	
Soldiers' Relief	3,000.00	
		$ 3,700.00

EDUCATION

School Department:		
General Maintenance	$ 40,728.00	
General Salaries	135,776.00	
Agricultural Maintenance	500.00	
Agricultural Salaries	3,200.00	
Industrial Tuition	800.00	
		$181,004.00

Public Library Maintenance	$ 3,250.00	
Public Library Salaries	3,400.00	
		$ 6,650.00

RECREATION

Park Dept. Maintenance		$ 2,600.00

CEMETERIES

Laurel Hill Cemetery Maintenance	$ 8,300.00	
Forest Glen Cemetery Development	$ 6,800.00	
		$ 15,100.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day Observance		$ 500.00

OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

Reserve Fund	$ 3,000.00	
G. A. R. Rooms, Rent	360.00	
Care Soldiers' Graves	500.00	
Sidewalk Municipal Building	3,000.00	
Poor Department Bills	506.78	
Drainage System	13,000.00	
Child Welfare Work	300.00	
Middlesex Co. Bureau of Agriculture	200.00	
Victory House Maintenance	500.00	
Sidewalk, Reading Square	1,000.00	
Junior High School Building	45,000.00	
Highland School Fence	37.50	
Fire Alarm Extension	650.00	
Fire Dept., Additional, Fire truck	6,000.00	
		$ 74,054.28
Total Appropriations		$508,372.56

APPROPRIATIONS NOT FROM TAX LEVY

Maturing Debt, from E. & D. Acct.	$ 10,000.00	
Tax Reimbursement from Overlay Reserve	763.28	
Taxes, Channel Property from Overlay Reserve	215.10	
		$ 10,978.38

RECAPITULATION

Town Expenses, Debt, Etc.	$508,372.56	
State Taxes and Assessments	25,687.08	
County Tax	17,854.37	
		$551,914.01
Overlay		2,960.34
		$554,874.35

VALUATION 1926		APPROPRIATIONS 1926	
Real Estate	$12,348,065.00	Town Purposes	$508,372.56
Personal Estate	1,459,008.00	State & County Taxes, etc.	55,371.09
Total Valuation ...	$13,807,073.00	Overlay	2,960.34
Assessed @ $34.00:			$566,703.99
Real Estate Tax	$ 419,834.21	Met. Sewer Asst. ...	$ 11,829.64
Personal Estate Tax .	49,606.14	Estimated Receipts .	80,000.00
	$ 469,440.35		
Poll Tax 2717 @ $2 ..	$ 5,434.00		91,829.64
	$ 474,874.35		$474,874.35

December Commitment

Real Estate	$ 3,575.00	Real Estate Tax	$ 302.94
Personal Estate	8,910.00	Personal Estate Tax	121.55
	$ 12,485.00	Poll Tax	40.00
Poll Tax 20 @ $2 ..	40.00	Total Tax, Dec. ..	$ 464.49

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES, ASSESSMENTS, ETC.

1926

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
State Tax	$ 21,600.00	
State Highway Tax	3,923.00	
Fire Prevention Tax	113.34	
Municipal Lighting Tax	50.74	
Metropolitan Sewerage Assessments	11,829.64	
County of Middlesex, County Tax	17,854.37	
		$ 55,371.09

ACCOUNTING, TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

TAXES 1921

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926	$ 46.62	
Collected 1926		$ 46.62
	$ 46.62	$ 46.62

TAXES 1922

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926	$ 257.19	....
Collected 1926		$ 257.19
	$ 257.19	$ 257.19

TAXES 1923

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926	$ 336.75	
Collected 1926		$ 336.75
	$ 336.75	$ 336.75

TAXES 1924

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926	$ 1,388.41	
Collected 1926		$ 1,299.11
Abatements		62.05
Balance to 1927		27.25
	$ 1,388.41	$ 1,388.41

TAXES 1925

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926	$135,824.21	
Collected 1926		$131,076.12
Abatements		661.36
Transfer to Tax Titles Account		2,378.54
Balance to 1927		1,708.19
	$135,824.21	$135,824.21

TAXES 1926

Commitment September	$474,874.35	
Commitment December	424.49	
Commitment Poll Taxes Add'l	40.00	
Collected		$328,679.09
Abatements		$ 1,680.00
Balance to 1927		144,979.75
	$475,338.84	$475,338.84

MOTH 1925

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926	$ 321.15	
Collected 1926		$ 321.15

MOTH 1926

Commitment	$ 997.80	
Collected 1926		$ 583.20
Balance to 1927		414.60
	$ 997.80	$ 997.80

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT 1926

Commitment	$ 86.16	
Collected 1926		$ 41.36
Balance to 1927		44.80
	$ 86.16	$ 86.16

SEWER ASSESSMENT
Unapportioned

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926	$ 223.72	
Betterments assessed in 1926	45.50	
Collected 1926		$ 102.20
Balance to 1927		167.02
	$ 269.22	$ 269.22

SEWER ASSESSMENT
Apportionment of 1925

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926	$ 839.56	
Collected 1926		$ 832.63
Transfer to Tax Titles Account		6.93
	$ 839.56	$ 839.56

INTEREST ON SEWER ASSESSMENTS

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926	$ 270.28	
Commitment 1926	663.68	
Additional Charges	40.77	
Collected		$ 735.86
Transfer to Tax Titles Account		2.91
Balance to 1927		235.96
	$ 974.73	$ 974.73

SEWER ASSESSMENT
Apportionment of 1926

Commitment 1926	$ 2,253.05	
Collected 1926		$ 1,501.48
Balance to 1927		751.57
	$ 2,253.05	$ 2,253.05

SEWER ASSESSMENTS
Apportioned Receivable—Deferred Payments 1926 to 1936

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1926	$ 11,361.39	
Assessments 1926	367.87	
Receipts 1926, Advanced Payments		$ 305.72
Committed to Collector, 1926		2,253.05
Balance Dec. 31, 1926		9,170.49
	$ 11,729.26	$ 11,729.26

SEWER RENTALS

Balance uncollected Jan 1, 1926	$ 175.20	
Charged in 1926	6,993.60	
Collected in 1926		$ 6,717.51

Abatements		3.09
Transfer to Tax Titles Account		25.20
Balance to 1927		423.00
	$ 7,168.80	$ 7,168.80

OVERLAY 1921

Balance Jan. 1, 1926	$	$ 46.62
Transferred to Overlay Reserve Fund	$ 46.62	
	$ 46.62	$ 46.62

OVERLAY 1923

Balance Jan. 1, 1926		$ 366.75
Transfer to Overlay Reserve Fund	$ 366.75	
	$ 366.75	$ 366.75

OVERLAY 1924

Balance Jan. 1, 1926		$ 1,388.41
Abatements 1926	$ 62.05	
Transfer to Overlay Reserve Fund	1,299.11	
Balance to 1927	27.25	
	$ 1,388.41	$ 1,388.41

OVERLAY 1925

Balance Jan. 1, 1926		$ 2.829.35
Refunds & Abatements 1926	$ 724.49	
Transfer to Overlay Reserve Fund	396.67	
Balance to 1927	1,708.19	
	$ 2,829.35	$ 2,829.35

OVERLAY 1926

Appropriation		$ 2,960.34
Commitment Poll Taxes, add'l		40.00
Commitment, December		424.49
Refunds & Abatements	$ 1,754.05	
Balance to 1927	1,670.78	
	$ 3,424.83	$ 3,424.83

OVERLAY RESERVE FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1926	$ 4,655.11
Transfer from Overlay, 1921	46.62
Transfer from Overlay, 1923	366.75

Transfer from Overlay, 1924		1,299.11
Transfer from Overlay, 1925		396.67
Transfer to Taxes Spec.	$ 763.28	
Transfer to Taxes Channel Prop.	215.10	
Balance to 1927	5,785.88	
	$ 6,764.26	$ 6,764.26

DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS

Receivable

Balance Jan. 1, 1926		$ 2,667.79
Charges in 1926		22,171.46
Received in 1926 & Credits	$ 20,700.76	
Committed to Collector 1926	997.80	
Balance to 1927	3,140.69	
	$ 24,839.25	$ 24,839.25

WATER DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Dr.

Balance Jan. 1, 1926	$ 247.05	
Meter rates, etc., charged in 1926	49,749.80	

Cr.

Receipts 1926		$ 49,522.72
Discounts, Etc.		120.13
Balance Dec. 31, 1926		354.00
	$ 49,996.85	$ 49,996.85

MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Dr.

Balance Jan. 1, 1926	$ 35,066.44	
Light, Power, etc., charged in 1926	255,748.46	

Cr.

Receipts, 1926		$233,486.24
Discounts and Adjustments		18,183.84
Credit to balance		.36
Balance Dec. 31, 1926		39,144.46
	$290,814.90	$290,814.90

CEMETERY RESERVE FUND

Cr.		
Balance Jan. 1, 1926		$ 1,651.07
Receipts, Sale Lots and Graves		1,680.00
Dr.		
Transferred to Laurel Hill Cemetery Acc.	$ 2,642.24	
Balance to 1927	688.83	
	$ 3,331.07	$ 3,331.07

TAX TITLES (HELD BY TOWN)

Dr.		
Balance from 1925	$ 3,886.33	
Taken by Town	2,413.58	
Cr.		
Redemption of Property		$ 825.14
Balance to 1927		6,797.35
	$ 7,622.49	$ 7,622.49

EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY ACCOUNT

Cr.		
Balance Jan. 1, 1926		$ 10.296.12
Transferred Tax Title Revenue Acct.		860.18
Transferred Revenue Account		13,161.66
Dr.		
Transferred to Maturing Debt Account	$ 10,000.00	
Transferred to Tax Titles Revenue	2,413.58	
Balance to 1927 chg. Trust Co. Tax	11,845.29	
	$ 24,317.96	$ 24.317.96

RESERVE FUND

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 3,000.00
Dr.		
Transfers to Sundry Accounts	$ 2,992.68	
Balance to Revenue	7.32	
	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Moderator's Salary

Cr.	
Appropriation	$ 60.00

Dr.		
Jesse W. Morton	$ 60.00	
	$ 60.00	$ 60.00

Selectmen's Expenses

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 300.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		13.70
Dr.		
L. G. Bent	$ 1.66	
M. F. Charles	2.17	
Comm. of Mass. Public Safety Dept.	1.25	
New England Tel. & Tel.	95.39	
New England Towel Supply Co.	16.80	
Royal Typewriter Co.	40.00	
S. M. Spencer Mfg. Co.	1.23	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	129.80	
U. S. Post Office	5.40	
John N. Weston	20.00	
Total Payments	$ 313.70	$ 313.70

Selectmen's Clerical

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 1,310.00
Dr.		
Leon G. Bent	$ 1,310.00	
	$ 1,310.00	$ 1,310.00

Town Accountant's Salary

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
Dr.		
Leon G. Bent	$ 2,000.00	
	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00

Treasurer's Salary

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 1,200.00
Dr.		
Wilfred A. Bancroft	$ 1,200.00	
	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00

Treasurer's Expenses

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 400.00

Dr.

Am. Railway Express Co.	$ .50	
W. A. Bancroft	6.75	
M. F. Charles	1.65	
Commonwealth of Mass.	62.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	57.66	
Prentiss & Parker	155.00	
S. M. Spencer Mfg. Co.	.50	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	13.75	
U. S. Post Office	70.86	
Ward's	1.80	
Total Payments	370.47	
Balance to Revenue	29.53	
	$ 400.00	$ 400.00

Tax Collector's Salary

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00

Dr.

Grace V. Viall	$ 2,000.00	
	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00

Tax Collector's Expenses

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 700.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		101.32

Dr.

Allen, Doane & Co.	$ .50	
F. W. Barry, Beale Co.	3.54	
H. L. Haseltine	4.10	
Hobbs & Warren	25.25	
Markrow R. C. Co.	3.32	
G. W. Marshall	.15	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	60.86	
New England Towel Supply Co.	7.20	
Prentiss & Parker	310.00	
Charles N. Smart	6.00	
C. H. Smith	1.75	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	181.75	

U. S. Post Office	180.60	
G. V. Viall, Exp. recording	16.30	
Total Payments	$ 801.32	$ 801.32

Tax Collector's Clerical

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		28.50

Dr.

Christine F. Atkinson	$ 89.00	
Milton B. Viall	30.00	
Jessie M. Staples	16.25	
Vera Y. Cobb	43.25	
Total Payments	$ 178.50	$ 178.50

Board of Assessors' Salaries

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 1,800.00

Dr.

George E. Horrocks	$ 600.00	
Alvah W. Clark	600.00	
J. Fred Richardson	600.00	
	$ 1,800.00	$ 1,800.00

Board of Assessors' Expenses

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00

Dr.

Marion P. Allen	$ 9.00	
L. L. Applin	4.82	
Am. Railway Express Co.	2.34	
Assessors' Auto Tax List	5.00	
C. F. Atkinson, Expenses	22.48	
M. F. Charles	3.51	
Alvah W. Clark, Auto exp.	64.50	
Eleonora Crowe	68.00	
Dalton Adding Mach. Co.	3.00	
Philomena C. Doucette	861.25	
George E. Horrocks, Exp.	15.00	
Library Bureau	13.55	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	49.60	
New England Towel Supply Co.	7.20	
Alice M. Newell	68.00	

Quality Press	6.92	
C. H. Smith	.75	
Spaulding-Moss Co.	.30	
Times Pub. Co.	2.00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	788.30	
U. S. Post Office	4.00	
Total Payments	1,999.52	
Balance to Revenue	.48	
	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00

Board of Assessors' Clerical

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 1,300.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		25.00
Dr.		
Christine F. Atkinson	$ 1,325.00	
	$ 1,325.00	$ 1,325.00

Block System Survey

Cr.

Balance from 1925		$ 5.50
Appropriation		250.00
Dr.		
Davis & Abbott	$ 255.50	
	$ 255.50	$ 255.50

Town Counsel's Salary and Expenses

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 600.00
Dr.		
Charles P. Howard	$ 125.00	
Charles P. Howard	18.50	
Melville F. Weston	375.00	
Melville F. Weston	7.04	
Margaret E. O'Niel	17.50	
Total Payments	543.04	
Balance to Revenue	56.96	
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

Town Clerk's Salary

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 350.00

Dr.		
Millard F. Charles	$ 350.00	
	$ 350.00	$ 350.00

Town Clerk's Expenses

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 600.00
Dr.		
C. F. Atkinson	$ 65.00	
M. F. Charles	389.05	
Edgerley & Bessom	17.75	
P. B. Murphy	14.20	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	24.60	
Ward's	4.81	
Sundry Parties	29.50	
Total Payments	544.91	
Balance to Revenue	55.09	
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

Board of Public Works

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 5,100.00
Dr.		
H. B. Collins	$ 3,000.00	
Clerical Salaries	1,596.00	
Adams Co.	1.92	
Bank and Office Equipment Co.	14.85	
F. W. Barry, Beale Co.	1.50	
Blackbird Pen. Co.	1.75	
Chase Auto Express	.75	
Clapp & Leach	3.06	
Clinton W. Crafts	2.30	
H. B. Collins, Exp.	2.31	
Cummings Express Co.	5.70	
E. B. Currell & Son	5.94	
Davis & Abbott	1.00	
L. W. Dickinson & Son	25.06	
H. W. Dubois & Co.	1.94	
Esterbrook Steel Pen Co.	1.64	
Francis Bros.	.25	
Frost & Adams	1.97	
Graff-Underwood Co.	2.06	
Thomas Groom & Co.	3.35	

Miles C. Higgins	.49	
B. L. Makepeace	5.63	
H. B. McArdle	14.58	
Munroe Cal. Mach. Co.	2.25	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	205.48	
John W. Owen, Exp.	1.70	
Prentiss & Parker	22.95	
Rand-Kardex Ser. Corp.	18.40	
Reading Motor Co.	16.26	
Reading Tire Shop	1.50	
Registry Motor Vehicles	12.00	
Charles N. Smart	6.08	
F. F. Smith	1.35	
Song Shop	6.75	
Spaulding-Moss Co.	.19	
S. M. Spencer Mfg. Co.	6.16	
Thorp & Martin Co.	2.10	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	52.50	
U. S. Post Office	43.75	
Ward's	2.38	
Y. & E. Mfg. Co.	3.96	
Total Payments	5,099.81	
Balance to Revenue	.19	
	$ 5,100.00	$ 5,100.00

Board of Registrars' Salaries

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 250.00

Dr.

Watler S. Prentiss	$ 60.00	
Owen McKenney	60.00	
Preston F. Nichols	60.00	
Millard F. Charles, Clerk	70.00	
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

Election Expenses

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00

Dr.

Austin's Lunch	$ 5.10	
Clapp & Leach	15.00	
Comm. of Massachusetts	5.50	
E. B. Currell & Son	105.65	
Election Officers	774.87	

Security Lodge, I. O. O. F.	222.00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	379.63	
Total Payments	1,507.75	
Balance to 1927		507.75
	$ 1,507.75	$ 1,507.75

Miscellaneous Expenses

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 2,500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		94.93
Dr.		
Allen, Doane Co.	$ .50	
American Railway Express Co.	2.64	
Amstaco	4.80	
Bank and Office Equipment Co.	12.43	
A. Russell Barnes	7.12	
L. B. Bent, Clerk Finance Committee	50.00	
Expenses	9.51	
Bromley & Co.	3.01	
Blackbird Pen Co.	10.50	
Boston & Maine R. R.	12.89	
Carter's Ink Co.	8.72	
M. F. Charles	5.50	
E. B. Currell & Son	13.60	
Dalton Adding Mach. Co.	8.94	
Davis & Abbott	9.00	
Robert E. Doucette	91.50	
T. C. Fife	5.35	
G. H. Flint	3.85	
Sarah Haag	50.00	
Hodson Bros.	62.65	
H. S. Horne Co.	13.48	
George W. S. Ide	25.00	
G. W. Marshall	.30	
H. B. McArdle	4.65	
George Melanson	7.70	
H. M. Meserve Co.	6.63	
D. O. Miller Co.	14.69	
Municipal Light Dept., O. S. Clock	223.51	
Municipal Light Dept., Reading Sign	53.87	
Municipal Light Dept.	6.00	
Munson Supply Co.	4.00	
North Wilmington Nurseries	10.00	
Old South M. E. Society	50.00	

Prentiss & Parker	10.00	
Public Works Dept.	49.24	
Reformatory for Women	20.62	
Royal Typewriter Co.	70.00	
B. Ryland	8.00	
P. N. Sweetser	4.32	
James T. Towhill Co.	60.50	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	1,538.35	
U. S. Post Office	2.00	
Ward's	10.41	
Water Dept.	18.30	
Y. & E. Mfg. Co.	10.85	
Total Payments	$ 2,594.93	$ 2,594.93

Municipal Building, Maintenance

Cr.

Appropriation	$ 2,500.00
Refund	3.00

Dr.

American Railway Express Co.	$ .44
G. H. Atkinson Co.	7.10
Calene Ch. Co.	2.50
H. J. Cloutier	20.00
Cummings Express Co.	.35
E. B. Currell & Son	43.85
H. J. Dallman Co.	5.25
G. B. Dolge Co.	6.12
T. C. Fife	30.08
Francis Bros.	15.35
Hodson Bros.	.85
William E. Johnson	3.00
William Kelch	11.00
W. H. Killam	709.50
Alex Lefave	2.63
Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co.	6.00
G. W. Marshall	3.70
F. A. Marr	8.50
Massachusetts State Prison	10.26
J. M. Maxwell, Jr., & Son	31.98
H. B. McArdle	21.25
Municipal Light Dept.	943.39
J. L. Peters	3.15
Reformatory for Women	20.62
Rochester Germicide Co.	22.50
Sani-Cross Co.	2.50

Sewer Dept.	46.50	
F. F. Smith	35.25	
C. H. Stinchfield	201.50	
P. N. Sweetser	65.87	
Water Dept.	51.50	
Total Payments	2,332.49	
Balance to Revenue	170.51	
	$ 2,503.00	$ 2,503.00

Fire Stations, Maintenance

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 1,600.00

Dr.

W. Bancroft Co.	$ 5.55	
A. G. Barker Lumber Co.	138.52	
Clapp & Leach	.90	
E. B. Currell & Son	2.95	
T. C. Fife	59.97	
Francis Bros.	4.90	
Graybar Elec. Co.	112.03	
L. B. Renfrew Gray	58.80	
Hodson Bros.	130.72	
J. M. Maxwell, Jr., & Son	2.88	
D. O. Miller Co.	2.10	
Municipal Light Dept.	460.21	
H. H. Quigley	45.00	
Sewer Dept.	66.00	
P. N. Sweetser	353.04	
Truscon Laboratories	38.66	
Underwriters Equip. Co.	33.00	
Water Dept.	56.43	
Total Payments	1,571.66	
Balance to Revenue	28.34	
	$ 1,600.00	$ 1,600.00

Victory House, Lighting

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 150.00

Dr.

Municipal Light Dept.	$ 107.15	
Balance to Revenue	42.85	
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

G. A. R. Rooms, Lighting

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 25.00
Dr.		
Municipal Light Dept.	$ 8.15	
Balance to Revenue	16.85	
	$ 25.00	$ 25.00

G. A. R. Rooms, Rent

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 360.00
Dr.		
M. E. Brande	$ 360.00	
	$ 360.00	$ 360.00

Insurance

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 4,500.00
Rebates, returns, premiums		64.35
Dr.		
Arthur S. Cook	$ 2.00	
Louis Davis	828.80	
Irving F. Jewett	212.75	
Kingman & Richardson	1,629.60	
Prentiss & Parker	410.28	
L. F. Quimby	70.00	
Charles E. Reck	462.50	
Arthur E. Roberts	231.25	
W. H. Wightman Co.	79.61	
Total Payments	3,926.79	
Balance to Revenue	637.56	
	$ 4,564.35	$ 4,564.35

Interest

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 18,500.00
Dr.		
Second Nat'l Bank, Boston, Coupon Acct.:		
Interest on Bonded Debt	$ 9,253.75	
Atlantic Corporation Interest on Temporary Loans, Revenue	5,799.07	
First Nat'l Bank, Boston, ditto	927.41	
Manhattan Woolen Co., ditto	1,535.37	

Second Nat'l Bank, Boston, ditto	1,191.55	
First Nat'l Bank, Boston, Interest on Serial Bond Loans, Junior High School	462.23	
Old Colony Trust Co., ditto	760.31	
Total Payments	19,929.69	
Balance to 1927		1,429.69
	$ 19,929.69	$ 19,929.69

Police Department, Maintenance

Cr.

Appropriation	$ 1,633.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	114.66

Dr.

A. G. A. Co.	$ 153.14
G. H. Atkinson Co.	7.90
Boston & Maine R. R.	2.52
Central Garage	451.99
M. F. Charles	7.45
Chase & Finnegan	3.50
J. Cullinane	80.60
Cummings Express	13.34
George W. Davis Co.	34.25
Francis Bros.	.40
Gamewell Co.	44.16
A. D. Gordon	13.00
E. M. Halligan, M. D.	9.00
Herrick Foote	52.94
Hodson Bros.	73.63
Iver, Johnson Sporting Goods Co.	63.76
Kenney Service Station	1.05
M. Linsky & Bros.	32.50
Charles H. Martin	122.54
Massachusetts Reformatory	72.00
Massachusetts Equip. Co.	90.87
Municipal Light Dept.	1.71
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	166.65
Thomas H. O'Brien	15.00
William F. O'Brien	9.16
Reading Tire Shop	4.00
J. W. Reardon	48.50
Registry of Motor Vehicles	15.00
L. Scott Roe	80.00
Fred F. Smith	.80

W. E. & J. F. Twombly	74.55	
F. Wallace	1.75	
Total Payments	$ 1,747.66	$ 1,747.66

Police Department, Salaries

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 20,808.92
Transfer from Reserve Fund		167.74

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 20,976.66	
	$ 20,976.66	$ 20,976.66

Police Department, Special Officers, Salaries

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 200.00

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 1,121.58	
Balance to 1927		921.58
	$ 1,121.58	$ 1,121.58

Fire Department, Maintenance

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 3,836.00
Appropriation, additional. Fire Truck ..		6,000.00

Dr.

Adams Co.	$ 29.54
Am. Fire Equip. Co.	$ 109.58
American Ry. Exp. Co.	3.64
G. H. Atkinson Co.	25.65
W. Bancroft & Co.	14.19
Boston Coup. Co.	4.75
Boston Nickel Plating Co.	3.14
Boston Radiolite Co.	72.96
Campbell Motor Parts Co.	8.64
Central Garage	.40
M. F. Charles	15.98
Chase & Finnegan	13.30
Chase's Auto Express	.50
Clapp & Leach	6.21
Classen's Garage	2.50
W. J. Connell Co.	.17
H. O. Copeland Co.	1.50
Cummings Express Co.	27.33

E. B. Currell & Son	12.38
Danforth's Pharmacy	1.25
L. W. Dickinson & Son	269.80
H. L. Eames	75.00
T. C. Fife	9.13
Fire Engineering	3.00
Fire Protection Ser.	11.40
Francis Bros.	30.67
A. Geissler	10.40
A. C. Gillis	150.00
Globe Newspaper Co.	21.60
A. D. Gordon	27.50
Gray-Aldrich Co.	3.07
Hodson Bros.	8.84
R. M. Hollingshead Co.	14.70
Kenney Service Station	49.71
Knox Motor Associates	110.21
Jos. E. LaGassa	4.00
Lungmotor Corp'n	19.60
Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co.	42.61
G. W. Marshall	3.30
Massachusetts Reformatory	59.50
Massachusetts State Prison	19.50
J. M. Maxwell Jr. & Son	3.40
Melrose Radiator Hospital	69.00
Massachusetts Safety Appl. Co.	99.38
Municipal Light Dept.	194.61
New Eng. Tel & Tel. Co.	139.36
O. O. Ordway	10.54
Portalite Co.	41.57
Reading Custom Laundry	154.13
Reading Garage	5.00
Reading Motor Co.	7.70
Reading Tire Shop	67.55
Ross Gloss Co.	2.62
R. P. Rowe Mch. Co.	344.53
Sanborn Hill Service Station	1.47
Seagrave Corp'n	6,500.00
F. F. Smith	24.58
Speedometer Equip. Co.	2.31
S. M. Spencer Mfg. Co.	4.35
Standard Oil Co.	356.10
Steele Furniture Co.	2.50
S. R. Stembridge Co.	2.20
A. W. Turner	39.20
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	10.80
Underwriters Equip. Co.	159.96

U. S. Post Office	2.00	
F. Wallace	13.22	
Wetmore & Savage Co.	10.07	
The White Co.	148.83	
Winship-Boit Co.	12.50	
Total Payments	$ 9,726.63	
Balance to Revenue	109.37	
	$ 9,836.00	$ 9,836.00

Fire Department, Salaries

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 15,270.36
Transfer from Reserve Fund		290.94

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 15,561.30	
	$ 15,561.30	$ 15,561.30

Fire Department, Call Men, Salaries

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 3,544.00

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 3,519.00	
Balance to Revenue	25.00	
	$ 3,544.00	$ 3,544.00

Fire Alarm, Maintenance

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 1,410.00
Transfer, Appropriation for Extension		650.00

Dr.

Am. Railway Express Co.	$ 1.12	
Am. Steele & Wire Co.	162.85	
W. Bancroft Co.	7.40	
Boston & Maine R. R.	14.50	
H. E. Bussell	80.40	
M. F. Charles	2.75	
Clapp & Leach	15.83	
Thomas Classen	1.80	
L. W. Dickinson & Son	6.40	
H. L. Eames	77.95	
Francis Bros.	33.84	
Gamewell Co.	642.94	
Graybar El. Co.	379.93	

Hodson Brothers	20.41	
Kenney Service Station	14.00	
George W. Marshall	2.00	
F. L. McKenney	12.60	
Merrimac Chem. Co.	3.90	
Warren Middleton	.50	
D. O. Miller Co.	.05	
Municipal Light Board	358.43	
Oxide Mfg. Co.	19.14	
Reading Motor Co.	28.09	
Reading Tire Shop	15.80	
H. L. Robertson	12.60	
R. P. Rowe Mch. Co.	52.13	
F. F. Smith	.14	
S. R. Stembridge	1.00	
F. Wallace	4.90	
Western Electric Co.	30.34	
Wetmore-Savage Co.	4.67	
Vye-Smith Co. Inc	4.10	
Total Payments	$ 2,012.51	
Balance to Revenue	47.49	
	$ 2,060.00	$ 2,060.00

Forest Warden, Maintenance

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Refund		3.00

Dr.

Pay Roll	$ 105.25	
Am. Fire Equip. Co.	32.00	
Central Garage	1.00	
Division of Blind	25.00	
H. M. Donegan	15.00	
T. C. Fife	4.26	
A. Geissler	2.65	
F. H. Jackson	2.00	
Merrimac Chem. Co.	18.19	
R. P. Rowe Mach. Co.	10.56	
Total Payments	$ 216.41	
Balance to Revenue	286.59	
	$ 503.00	$ 503.00

Tree Warden

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		310.00

Dr.

Pay Roll	$ 1,189.80	
W. Bancroft Co.	21.40	
W. Barrett	28.40	
Jos. Breck & Sons	39.42	
Breck-Robinson Co.	21.00	
H. M. Donegan	200.00	
Francis Brothers	46.57	
Harlan P. Kelsey	64.70	
Mass. T. W. & F. Assoc.	3.00	
C. J. Nesmith Jr.	18.00	
No. Wilmington Nurseries	150.00	
P. J. Seaman	2.00	
F. F. Smith	1.20	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	9.33	
George Wakefield	8.00	
Zanni & Co.	6.00	
Total Payments	$ 1,808.82	
Balance to Revenue	1.18	
	$ 1,810.00	$ 1,810.00

Moth Department, Maintenance

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 6,200.00

Dr.

Pay Roll	$ 4,387.01	
Amstico	.30	
W. Barrett	.96	
Boston & Maine R. R.	10.96	
Otis W. Butler	4.00	
M. F. Charles	3.47	
Cummings Express Co.	2.20	
H. M. Donegan	96.00	
Francis Brothers	23.84	
Frost Insecticide Co.	608.05	
John St. Garage	25.72	
Kenney Service Station	100.05	
John Lucas & Co., Inc.	396.48	
Lucas-Kil-Tone Co.	57.60	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	33.22	

No. Wilmington Nurseries	4.50	
Reading Tire Shop	198.35	
Registry of Motor Vehicles	3.00	
F. F. Smith	14.50	
S. R. Stembridge Co.	165.38	
W. E. & J. E. Twombly	29.33	
Town of Wakefield	13.50	
Total Payments	$ 6,177.82	
Balance to Revenue	22.18	
	$ 6,200.00	$ 6,200.00

Hydrant Rentals

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 7,035.00
Dr.		
Water Dept.	$ 7,035.00	
	$ 7,035.00	$ 7,035.00

Drinking Fountains

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 100.00
Dr.		
Water Dept.	$ 100.00	
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

Inspector of Buildings

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 500.00
Dr.		
A. Russell Barnes	$ 500.00	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Inspector of Wires

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 100.00
Dr.		
Arthur G. Sias	$ 25.00	
Chas. P. Stratton	75.00	
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 400.00

Dr.

Carl M. Smith	$ 400.00	
	$ 400.00	$ 400.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures, Expenses

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		1.80
American Railway Express Co.	$ 5.26	
W. R. Borthwick	43.00	
Boston Nickel Plate Co.	8.00	
Hobbs & Warren	6.44	
Carl M. Smith	25.50	
S. M. Spencer Mfg. Co.	13.60	
Total Payments	$ 101.80	
	$ 101.80	$ 101.80

Board of Health, Salaries

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 300.00

Dr.

E. M. Halligan, M. D.	$ 75.00	
C. H. Playdon, M. D. V.	75.00	
C. F. Atkinson	150.00	
	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

Boad of Health, Expenses

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 600.00

Dr.

Pay Roll Labor on Dumps	$ 118.14	
American Railway Express Co.	1.27	
W. D. Emerson	50.00	
George L. Flint	150.00	
John Murray	93.51	
Nat. Coat & Apron Sup. Co.	8.25	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	41.48	
Carl M. Smith	25.00	

W. E. & J. F. Twombly	37.00	
David Whelton	31.88	
Total Payments	$ 556.53	
Balance to Revenue	43.47	
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

Inspector of Plumbing

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 800.00

Dr.

David Taggart	$ 800.00	
	$ 800.00	$ 800.00

Care of Contagious Diseases

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00

Dr.

City of Boston	$ 168.23	
Mabel M. Brown	2.89	
City of Cambridge	42.50	
Chase & Finnegan	32.35	
Marion V. Harrington	100.00	
City of Malden	76.00	
William F. O'Brien	30.00	
Total Payments	451.97	
Balance to Revenue	1,548.03	
	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00

Garbage Collection

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 1,980.00

Dr.

Blue Hog Breeding Co.	$ 1,980.00	
	$ 1,980.00	$ 1,980.00

Inspector of Animals

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 200.00

Dr.

C. H. Playdon, M. D. V.	$ 200.00	
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

Inspector of Milk

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 100.00

Dr.

Carl M. Smith	$ 100.00	
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Construction and Maintenance

Cr.

Balance from 1925		$ 21,596.37
Receipts 1926		10,195.40

Dr.

Pay Roll	$ 2,302.32
Abbott & McKay Corp.	4.52
Barbour & Dixon	65.70
Louis Balboni	721.15
W. Bancroft Co.	39.25
B. & M. R.R.	.59
E. L. Chamberlain	250.00
Clinton Foundry Co.	130.00
E. B. Currell & Son	2.05
W. S. Dailey & Co.	53.09
Louis Davis	60.81
L. W. Dickinson & Son	43.81
Elliot Co.	2.61
T. C. Fife	14.95
Francis Bros.	8.30
Hodson Bros.	25.20
Kingman & Richardson	1.00
Prentiss & Parker	85.97
Reading Motor Co.	4.78
Reading Tire Shop	3.50
Registry of Motor Vehicles	4.00
Arthur A. Sampson	15.00
F. F. Smith	754.15
C. H. Spring Co.	120.74
Standard Oil Co.	146.21
S. R. Stembridge & Co.	2.95
P. N. Sweetser	33.75
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	30.00
Underwriters Equip. Co.	352.21

C. M. White Iron Wks.	75.00	
Metropolitan Sewerage Comm.	11,829.64	
Total Payments	17,183.25	
Balance to 1927	14,608.52	
	$ 31,791.77	$ 31,791.77

SEWER DEPARTMENT

House Connection

Cr.

Balance from 1925		$ 1,066.63
Receipts 1926		1,962.84

Dr.

Refunds	$ 136.65	
Pay Roll	1,043.60	
W. Bancroft & Co.	31.44	
Carter Bros.	21.25	
Clyde H. Cummings	109.02	
Cummings Express Co.	.60	
Francis Bros.	18.78	
Frederick Frotten	8.80	
Lumsden & VanStone Co.	52.42	
Malden & Melrose Gas Lt. Co.	25.00	
O. O. Ordway	46.40	
Fred F. Smith	12.56	
Standard Oil Co.	35.53	
P. N. Sweetser	409.73	
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.	108.24	
Total Payments	2,060.02	
Balance to 1927	969.45	
	$ 3,029.47	$ 3,029.47

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 56,000.00
Refunds		94.83
Transfer from Reserve Fund		1,644.09

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 14,559.82	
Abbott, McKay Corp.	7.20	
Alden Speare's Sons Co.	228.16	
American Oil and Gasoline Co.	7.21	
American Railway Express	1.29	

Louis Balboni	1,290.72
Wendell Bancroft & Co.	34.64
Barber Asphalt Co.	200.00
Barrett Co.	13,979.45
Berger Mfg. Co.	70.56
Alexander Birnie	18.00
George W. Blanchard & Co.	6.60
Boston & Maine R. R.	474.11
E. A. Brophy	97.50
N. Brustin	69.30
Buffalo-Springfield Roller	67.42
E. A. Carpenter	1.12
M. F. Charles	.50
Chase's Auto Express	.50
Cummings Express	9.45
E. B. Currell & Son.	22.84
Curry Bros. Oil Co.	72.23
H. I. Dallman Co.	28.76
Davis & Abbott	202.55
Louis Davis	269.19
E. H. Day	90.56
L. W. Dickinson & Son	84.85
Orison L. Dickinson	6.79
Eastern Tractors Co.	11.27
T. C. Fife	2.38
H. E. Fletcher Co.	152.24
Francis Bros.	24.87
Frederick Frotten	46.00
General Crushed Stone Co.	1,647.44
Globe Newspaper Co.	13.20
Green Trap Co.	47.00
James J. Griffin	2.35
Hodson Bros.	81.15
E. A. Hurd, Inc.	897.25
Kenney Service Station	42.70
Lowell-Courier Citizen	3.43
Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co.	15.62
Warren H. Manning Offices, Inc.	62.61
George W. Marshall	.70
J. M. Maxwell, Jr., & Son	10.35
M. McDonough Co.	12,103.90
Mead-Morrison Mfg. Co.	3,964.14
Montrose Filling & Service Station	653.95
T. A. Mulroney	2,010.55
Municipal Light Dept.	96.11
N. E. Road Builders Ass'n	12.10

N. E. Road Machine Co.	33.37	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	77.83	
Frank L. Noble	9.00	
No. Main Street Garage	1.60	
No. Reading Wagon Co.	21.00	
L. P. Palmer & Son	48.00	
D. W. Pingree Box Co.	30.00	
Prentiss & Parker	757.75	
Reading Motor Co.	539.00	
Reading Tire Shop	807.95	
Registry of Motor Vehicles	18.00	
Roessler & Son, Inc.	50.34	
Russell Coal Co.	132.88	
Arthur A. Sampson	15.00	
P. J. Seaman	.50	
Simpson Bros. Corp.	143.31	
Fred F. Smith	25.40	
Spaulding-Moss Co.	8.82	
Standard Oil Co.	937.61	
S. R. Stembridge Co.	163.30	
P. N. Sweetser	9.50	
Trimount Oil Co.	17.85	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	24.00	
Veeder Mfg. Co.	18.45	
Waldo Bros. & Bond	43.65	
Water Dept.	2.18	
Total Payments	$ 57,738.92	$ 57,738.92

Snow and Ice Removal

	Cr.	
Appropriation		$ 15,000.00
	Dr.	
Pay Rolls	$ 7,125.37	
Sundry Parties, plowing and hauling	5,432.03	
American Railway Express Co.	26.25	
F. A. Bessom	18.00	
Brownie's Lunch	21.65	
Cummings Exp.	4.60	
H. F. Davis Tractor Co.	321.30	
L. W. Dickinson & Son	2.72	
Eastern Tractors Co.	418.78	
Four Wheel Drive Auto Co.	25.59	
Francis Bros.	9.40	
A. Geissler	14.55	
General Cr. Stone Co.	37.94	

Good Roads Mch. Co.	68.89	
A. D. Gordon	6.50	
Kenney Service Station	73.55	
Meade-Morrison Mfg. Co.	1,846.58	
Montrose Filling & Service Station	359.36	
Municipal Light Dept.	3.81	
New England Road Mach. Co.	39.05	
Reading Garage	1.00	
Reading Tire Shop	216.25	
F. F. Smith	155.24	
Standard Oil Co.	332.52	
S. R. Stembridge Co.	29.55	
Gus Suckow, Jr.	35.28	
A. W. Turner	4.10	
F. Wallace	9.00	
Total Payments	$ 16,638.86	
Balance to 1927		1,638.86
	$ 16,638.86	$ 16,638.86

Cleaning Drainage Ditches

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 3,000.00

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 2,229.82	
Louis Balboni	255.00	
W. Bancroft & Co.	30.40	
Cummings Express Co.	1.50	
James J. Griffin	6.45	
Penn. Metal Co.	79.38	
Puritan Iron Works	21.00	
Fred F. Smith	4.30	
Standard Oil Co.	5.95	
P. N. Sweetser	177.80	
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.	13.72	
Total Payments	2,825.32	
Balance to Revenue	174.68	
	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00

Drainage System

Cr.

Balance from 1925		$ 771.74
Appropriation		$ 13,000.00

	Dr.	
Pay Roll	$ 12.43	
Louis Balboni	7,014.31	
Barbour & Dixon	1,111.50	
B. & M. R. R.	1,076.52	
Boston Publishing Co.	26.25	
Berger Mfg. Co.	495.33	
Clinton Foundry Co.	564.79	
T. C. Fife	59.00	
Globe Newspaper Co.	51.60	
P. J. Seaman	5.75	
C. H. Spring Co.	2,120.59	
P. N. Sweetser	58.60	
Truscom Steele Co.	147.26	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	2.00	
U. S. Post Office	3.76	
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.	209.76	
Total Payments	12,959.45	
Balance to 1927	812.29	
	$ 13,771.74	$ 13,771.74

Street Lighting

	Cr.	
Appropriation		$ 12,000.00
	Dr.	
Municipal Light Department	$ 12,000.00	
	$ 12,000.00	$12,000.00

Board of Public Welfare
Clerical

	Cr.	
Appropriation		$ 352.00
	Dr.	
Leon G. Bent	$ 352.00	
	$ 352.00	$ 352.00

Board of Public Welfare
Visitor

	Cr.	
Appropriation		$ 400.00
	Dr.	
Helen A. Brown	$ 400.00	
	$ 400.00	$ 400.00

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Aid, Board and Care

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 8,000.00

Dr.

Cash Payments	$ 2,584.00	
Sundry Parties, board	1,314.43	
Sundry Parties, rent	137.75	
Sundry Parties, labor	50.00	
Comm. of Mass., board and care	907.69	
City of Boston	518.80	
Adams Co.	8.90	
G. H. Atkinson Co.	20.12	
W. Bancroft Co.	38.00	
Helen A. Brown	92.38	
Cameron Hospital	191.00	
Chase & Finnegan	29.90	
E. A. Crosby	10.00	
Cunard Steamship Co.	127.50	
Louis DeWolfe, Trustee	70.00	
George F. Dow, M. D.	27.00	
T. C. Fife	8.70	
Gerritson & Melanson	4.75	
E. M. Halligan, M. D.	5.00	
E. W. Hancock	30.90	
Hobbs & Warren	7.54	
Moth Department	18.00	
Municipal Light Department	20.35	
N. E. Bargain Store	5.70	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	79.47	
O'Keefe's Store	217.12	
Reading Dental Clinic	7.50	
F. L. Smalley, M. D.	55.00	
P. N. Sweetser	112.25	
O. P. Symonds & Sons, Inc	6.00	
F. Wallace	132.77	
Water Department	74.25	
W. H. Willis	1.50	
Total Payments	6,914.27	
Balance to Revenue	1,085.73	
	$ 8,000.00	$ 8,000.00

Mothers' Aid

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 2,500.00

Dr.

Cash Payments	$ 1,816.56	
W. Bancroft & Co.	11.00	
Boston Dispensary	4.17	
Helen A. Brown, exp.	3.53	
Louis DeWolfe, Trustee	233.30	
George F. Dow, M. D.	6.67	
E. M. Halligan, M. D.	13.33	
Indian Head Farm	73.00	
Reading Dental Clinic	1.33	
S. D. Rounds, D. M. D.	36.67	
F. L. Smalley, M. D.	10.83	
P. N. Sweetser	47.16	
Total Payments	2,257.55	
Balance to Revenue	242.45	
	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00

Temporary Aid

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00

Dr.

Cash Payments	$ 1,376.00	
Rent	500.00	
W. Bancroft & Co.	61.50	
Helen A. Brown, exp.	4.05	
George F. Dow, M. D.	30.00	
First National Stores	9.25	
E. M. Halligan, M. D.	33.00	
E. W. Hancock	3.41	
Mass. General Hospital	52.70	
Helen Phelps	3.50	
Reading Dental Clinic	8.00	
P. N. Sweetser	119.25	
Total Payments	2,200.66	
Balance to 1927		200.66
	$ 2,200.66	$ 2,220.66

State Aid

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 500.00

	Dr.	
Cash Payments:		
Account, Civil War	$ 276.00	
Account, World War	72.00	
Total Payments	348.00	
Balance to Revenue	152.00	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Military Aid

	Cr.	
Appropriation		$ 200.00
	Dr.	
Balance to Revenue	$ 200.00	
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

Soldiers' Relief

	Cr.	
Appropriation		$ 3,000.00
	Dr.	
Cash Payments:		
Account, Civil War	$ 672.00	
Account, Spanish War	825.00	
Account, World War	797.00	
Comm. of Mass., Acct. World War	782.11	
Rent, Acct. World War	70.22	
Fuel, Medical, etc., Acct. World War	33.29	
Total Payments	3,179.62	
Balance to 1927		179.62
	$ 3,179.62	$ 3,179.62

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

General Maintenance

	Cr.	
Appropriation		$ 40,728.00
	Dr.	
Adams Co.	$ 45.17	
Adden & Parker	206.50	
Allen Shade Holder Co.	269.34	
Allyn & Bacon	169.17	
American Abrasive Metals Co.	276.46	
American Book Co.	217.85	
American Child Health Ass'n	4.50	

American Educ. Digest	5.00
American Library Ass'n	16.21
American Medical Ass'n	5.00
American Railway Express	26.01
American Type Founders Co.	3.15
American Viewpoint Society, Inc.	37.04
Mona L. Ames	3.60
Andrews Paper Co.	86.00
D. Appleton & Co.	3.08
Arlo Publishing Co.	7.09
Art Extension Society	2.50
G. H. Atkinson Co.	40.23
Atlantic Monthly Co.	4.66
O. W. Austin	4.50
Edward E. Babb & Co.	611.92
Walter H. Baker Co.	5.90
Wendell Bancroft & Co.	32.91
F. J. Barnard & Co. Inc.	304.13
A. S. Barnes & Co.	4.12
Barris Lumber Co.	39.70
M. Barrows & Co.	8.92
Stewart Barrows	2.00
Harold W. Batchelder	18.25
Baacon Steel Furniture Co.	2.75
Berry & Withington Co.	13.90
F. A. Bessom	6.50
C. C. Birchard & Co.	20.58
Raymond W. Blaisdell	14.45
P. Blakiston's Son & Co.	3.60
Bobbs-Merrill Co.	29.73
Bookshop for Boys & Girls	1.55
Boston & Maine R. R.	7.23
Boston Metal Ceiling & Mfg. Co.	109.65
Boston Mill Remnants Co.	60.25
Boston Music Co.	2.73
Boston School Committee	3.00
Milton Bradley Co.	449.63
Joseph Breck & Sons	6.12
James W. Brine Co.	11.03
Brooks, Gill & Co.	27.40
Mabel M. Brown, R. N.	6.55
Sch. Bd. Jour. Bruce Pub. Co.	10.96
W. A. Burns	153.60
Cambridge Botanical Supply Co.	36.25
Central Scientific Co.	161.18
Century Co.	2.50
M. F. Charles	39.80

Chase's Auto Express	.50
Chemical Rubber Co.	75.77
Children Magazine	5.00
Children's Foundation	45.00
Child Study As'n of America	5.00
Clapp & Leach Inc.	296.82
Leonard Clarkson	2.00
College Ent. Exam. Board	.70
George W. Craigie	23.78
Cudahy Packing Co.	33.15
Cummings Express Co.	154.82
E. B. Currell & Son	955.66
H. I. Dallman Co.	78.18
Danforth's Pharmacy	.25
Louis Davis	46.07
Davis Press	3.00
John Day Co., Inc.	4.83
C. L. Deming	20.83
Mathew Devaney	12.00
L. W. Dickinson & Son	32.15
Oliver Ditson Co.	33.92
G. B. Dolge Co.	60.17
Dowling School Supply Co.	123.61
E. P. Dutton & Co.	3.30
Eastern Mass. St. Ry. Co.	250.00
R. P. Eldridge	8.76
Esterbrook Steel Pen Co.	23.47
Fairbairn Art Co.	2.78
T. C. Fife	3,069.72
A. Flanagan Co.	29.24
Francis Bros.	437.78
Lora Francois	25.00
Fulton Specialty Co.	4.59
Wilbur D. Gilpatric	104.60
Ginn & Company	396.75
L. M. Glover Co.	35.40
Gregg Publishing Co.	.48
Gregg Writer	2.00
F. G. Hall	.75
Hall & McCreary Co.	14.20
J. L. Hammett Co.	4,586.07
C. S. Hammond & Co.	3.00
Harcourt, Brace & Co.	13.06
Harvard Co-operative Society, Inc.	5.45
Harvard University Press	3.00
N. C. Hayner Co.	111.62
D. C. Heath & Co.	152.23

Heywood-Wakefield Co.	36.40
Mary E. Hilton	34.80
Hodge Boiler Works	368.62
Hodson Bros.	425.34
Horace Partridge Co.	15.87
H. S. Horne & Co., Inc.	8.94
George E. Horrocks	4.85
Houghton & Dutton Co.	38.50
Houghton Mifflin Co.	234.13
Howe & French Inc.	78.99
Hulse Roofing Co.	550.00
A. M. Hume Music Co.	2.25
John W. Hutchins	3.00
Ideal Song Shop	10.50
Arentie L. Inman	4.00
Iroquois Publishing Co.	24.12
Jennings Publishing Co.	9.60
Jewell & Andrews	67.50
Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co.	21.15
W. E. Johnson	6.25
Jordan Marsh Co.	79.20
Kardex Rand Sales Corp.	154.00
Kenney Service Station	9.59
L. E. Knott Appliance Co.	10.25
Laidlaw Brothers	12.18
Joseph E. LaGassa	4.00
Charles E. Lauriat Co.	126.87
B. J. Leathers	26.25
J. A. LeFave	42.75
G. T. Lewis	230.73
Lightfoot Schultz Co.	33.00
Lincoln, Nebraska, Bd. of Ed.	16.46
J. B. Lippincott Co.	47.52
Longmans Green & Co.	8.25
Harry S. Lovejoy	2.00
Ida C. Lucas	80.00
Kenneth Lucas	1.00
Robert Luther	86.10
Lyons & Carnahan	141.64
MacMillan Co.	199.67
Chester MacDougall	35.00
Jennie Mackie	2.88
E. F. Mahady Co.	6.29
B. L. Makepeace, Inc.	2.55
Malden & Melrose Gas Co.	245.76
George W. Marshall	37.15
James Mason	3,564.90

Mass. State Prison	96.98
Paul Matteson	45.00
J. M. Maxwell Jr. & Son.	306.05
H. B. McArdle	387.45
John J. McCarthy	235.50
Eliz. McCormick Mem. Fund	1.28
Harold R. McIntire	2.50
McIntosh Publishing Co.	21.68
John Jos. McVey	3.00
City of Melrose Sch. Dept.	1.00
Charles E. Merrill Co.	100.22
H. M. Meserve & Co.	8.98
Metropolitan Refining Co.	111.72
Middlesex County H. of C.	5.91
George F. Miller	4.50
Esther Millett	3.00
D. O. Miller Co.	41.80
Abigail H. Mingo	12.92
Municipal Light Dept.	2,835.71
J. A. Murphy	5.00
Lewis E. Myers & Co.	300.00
Narragansett Machine Co.	69.13
Nat. Com. for Mental Hygiene	3.00
Nat. Ed. Assn. of U. S.	2.00
Nat. Pipe Bending Co.	386.10
Nat. Safety Council	18.56
New Asso. of C. & S. Schools	2.00
New England Pub. Co.	4.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	762.79
North Reading School Com.	16.25
Ernest B. Nourse	21.56
Ira S. Noyes	96.25
Office Appliance Co.	52.09
Old Corner Book Store, Inc.	167.44
Old South M. E. Society	39.00
A. N. Palmer Co.	70.32
Palmer & Parker Co.	1.66
Papercrafts Inc.	5.96
Parker & Page Co.	79.57
Patterson's American Educ. Dir.	6.00
Dana F. Perkins	45.00
Edward W. Perry	7.00
Perry Pictures Co.	2.48
William Pierpont	3.00
Richard Pomfret	3.20
W. E. Pratt	36.00
Progressive Educ. Ass'n	23.75

Prospect Union Educ. Ex.	1.00
Pub. Sch. Pub. Co.	21.32
Rand McNally Co.	122.10
George P. Raymond Co.	13.00
Reading Custom Laundry	8.78
Reading Greenhouses & Nurseries	16.50
Reading High School A. A.	10.00
Reading High School Lunch	6.85
Reading Motor Co.	110.21
Reading Tire Shop	7.00
Waldo Reed	60.00
Reformatory for Women	28.16
Regents Publishing Co.	2.52
Remington Type Co.	25.00
Republic Pub. Co.	9.25
Research University	1.25
J. Fred Richardson	2.75
Josephine H. Rourke	15.00
Royal Laundry Service	3.74
Royal Typewriter Co., Inc.	510.00
Harold Rugg	308.14
Russia Cement Co.	1.00
Ryan & Buker, Inc.	75.03
A. L. Safford	113.44
Benj. H. Sanborn Co.	33.77
Sani.-Cross Co.	2.50
Charles Scribner's Sons	65.45
Scott Foresman & Co.	9.66
E. C. Schirmer Music Co.	1.88
Schoenhof's	.50
Science Press	5.00
P. J. Seaman	7.84
Sewer Dept.	950.10
D. Sheehan	10.50
H. A. Shepard & Co.	12.23
Silver Burdett & Co.	65.72
Sims Song Slide Cor.	40.50
Charles N. Smart	6.00
Carl M. Smith	.50
Fred F. Smith	76.03
L. C. Smith & Corona Type., Inc.	70.00
W. A. Snow Iron Works, Inc.	1,280.72
Song Shop	2.75
So-Western Pub. Co.	41.32
Stanford University	9.68
S. R. Stembridge Co.	7.00
Sterling Products Co.	38.81

Stone & Forsyth Co.	141.15	
Dept. of Superintendence	25.00	
Supt. of Documents	2.50	
A. M. Surrette	1,170.24	
The Survey	2.00	
Rudolf Suissmann	13.64	
P. N. Sweetser	3,944.73	
O. P. Symonds & Sons, Inc.	31.40	
Leon T. Tarpin	12.53	
Roy Taylor	9.25	
Russell P. Taylor	5.90	
Teachers College	26.50	
James T. Towhill Co.	11.50	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	405.40	
Underwood Typewriter Co., Inc.	389.57	
Ungraded	1.50	
United States Post Office	37.59	
University of Chicago, D. of E.	2.50	
University of Chicago Press	22.90	
University Pub. Co.	6.49	
University Supply & Book Co.	3.36	
Wales Adding Mach. Co.	5.70	
F. Wallace	7.15	
Warwick & York, Inc.	22.26	
Water Dept.	826.50	
Webster Publishing Co.	9.57	
Wensell & Co.	6.00	
Wheeler Pub. Co.	3.22	
R. H. White Co.	8.40	
A. W. Wiley	12.00	
A. J. Wilkinson & Co.	25.08	
W. H. Willis	5.68	
H. W. Wilson Co.	2.50	
Winchester Laundries, Inc.	1.59	
Winnetka Individual Material, Inc.	104.51	
Winnetka Public Schools	70.40	
John C. Winston Co.	217.67	
World Book Co.	577.18	
Wright & Ditson Co.	11.28	
Wright & Potter Prt. Co.	4.08	
Total Payments	$ 40,940.34	
Less Transfer to Agr. Dept.	379.45	
Net Payments	$ 40,560.89	
Balance to Revenue	167.11	
	$ 40,728.00	$ 40,728.00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

General Salaries

	Cr.	
Appropriation		$135,776.00
	Dr.	
Pay Rolls, Supt., Tea., & Clerical	$120,099.47	
Mass. Teachers' Retirement Fund	4,413.75	
Medical Inspection and School Nurse	2,300.00	
Evening School Teachers	207.00	
Janitors	8,402.97	
Total Payments	$135,423.19	
Balance to Revenue	352.81	
	$135,776.00	$135,776.00

AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Maintenance

	Cr.	
Appropriation		$ 500.00
	Dr.	
American Produce Grower	$ .98	
Joseph Breck & Sons	26.12	
Century Co.	2.10	
Francis Bros.	4.76	
Hodson Bros.	1.30	
Market Growers Journal	1.50	
G. P. Putnam's Sons.	3.25	
U. S. Veteran's Bureau	40.00	
Herman T. Wheeler	4.80	
John Wiley & Sons, Inc.	35.74	
Transfer from General Maintenance Acc't	379.45	
Total Payments	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Salaries

	Cr.	
Appropriation		$ 3,200.00
	Dr.	
Pay Rolls	$ 2,833.36	
Balance to Revenue	366.64	
	$ 3,200.00	$ 3,200.00

Vocational School. Tuition

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 800.00

Dr.

City of Boston	$ 565.83	
City of Malden	42.24	
City of Somerville	138.44	
Town of Wakefield	3.50	
Total Payments	$ 750.01	
Balance to Revenue	49.99	
	$ 800.00	$ 800.00

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Maintenance

Cr.

Appropriation	$ 3,250.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	141.42

Dr.

Grace J. Abbott, Exp.	$ 9.58
Bertha L. Brown, Exp.	48.28
F. J. Barnard & Co.	51.90
Beckwith Elevator Co.	163.00
Anna P. Berg	2.00
R. R. Bowker Co.	5.00
Clapp & Leach, Inc.	22.73
H. O. Copeland Co.	1.00
E A. Crosby	28.00
Cummings Express Co.	3.00
E. B. Currell & Son	192.77
T. C. Fife	33.59
Francis Bros.	15.89
Franklin Square Agency	107.10
Gen. Fireproofing Co.	246.00
Hodson Bros.	68.36
H. R. Huntting Co., Inc.	419.29
W. E. Johnson	1.00
Kardex Rand Sales Corp.	21.50
William Kelch	5.00
Wm. T. King	1.50
Wm. Leavens & Co., Inc.	124.20
Library Bureau	53.20
Loomes Publishing Co.	2.62
Municipal Light Dept.	216.06
J. A. Murphy	3.50

Old Corner Book Store	1,322.26	
J. L. Peters	5.30	
Sewer Dept.	6.60	
Fred F. Smith	6.50	
P. N. Sweetser	26.26	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	81.42	
Water Dept.	7.40	
H. W. Wilson Co.	40.50	
	$3,342.31	
Balance to Revenue	49.11	
	$ 3,391.42	$ 3,291.42

Salaries

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 3,400.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		58.58

Dr.

Bertha L. Brown	$ 1,400.00	
Grace J. Abbott	1,000.00	
Sundry Parties, Clerical Asst.	462.85	
Charles H. Stinchfield	128.56	
William H. Killam	467.17	
	$ 3,458.58	$ 3,458.58

PARK DEPARTMENT

Maintenance

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 2,600.00

Dr.

Pay Roll	$ 1,519.56	
Am. Flag Pole Co.	25.00	
C. Berry	5.50	
Jos. Breck & Son	2,89	
Cummings Exp. Co.	.50	
E B. Currell & Son	183.35	
L. W. Dickinson & Son	10.80	
Francis Bros.	6.58	
Katherine E. Gay	77.28	
E. A. Hurd Inc.	40.79	
Geo. W. Marshall	21.35	
Fred Medart Mfg. Co.	122.11	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	11.98	
Cameron Pelton	80.68	

Prentiss & Parker	16.85	
P J. Seaman	8.35	
F. F. Smith	53.64	
Helen Thompson	12.98	
A. W. Turner	4.95	
Wright & Ditson	82.19	
Total Payments	$ 2,287.23	
Balance to Revenue	312.77	
	$ 2,600.00	$ 2,600.00

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Laurel Hill Cemetery

Cr.

Appropriation	$ 8,300.00
Cemetery Bequest Fund	1,445.24
Trans. from Cemetery Reserve Fund	2,642.24
Trans. from Care of Soldiers' Graves Acct.	24.12

Dr.

Pay Roll	$ 9,366.43
Am. Railway Express Co.	4.60
Oliver W. Austin	19.75
W. Bancroft & Co.	125.87
K. M. Bangs	36.00
A. E. Batchelder	19.50
S E. Bereez	20.82
Boston & Maine R. R.	9.58
Boston Radiolite Co.	12.00
Jos. Breck Sons Co.	162.21
E. A. Brophy	195.00
M. F. Charles	4.00
Cummings Express Co.	1.75
L W. Dickinson & Son	12.50
C B. Dolge Co.	111.45
Dugan Bros.	342.49
F E. & E. L. Emery	33.00
H. A. Feindel	56.79
T. C. Fife	.39
Frigid Fluid Co. Inc.	239.82
General Crushed Stone Co.	40.43
A. E. Goodwin	97.57
Highway Dept.	6.41
Hodson Bros.	14.21
Kenney Service Station	17.50
Lakeside Cemetery Corporation	1.00

E. A. Meekins	3.00	
Metropolitan Filling Station Inc.	113.82	
D. O. Miller Co.	36.42	
Municipal Light Dept.	5.23	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	86.38	
O. O. Ordway	9.05	
Reading Motor Co.	75.65	
Reading Tire Shop	98.80	
Registry of Motor Vehicles	2.00	
P. J. Seaman	11.05	
Frank T. Simpson	54.50	
Fred F. Smith	41.72	
Percy N. Sweetser	837.00	
Thorp-Martin Co.	2.50	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	22.55	
U. S. Post Office	2.00	
Water Dept.	18.86	
Jos. H. Young Co.	40.00	
Total Payments	$ 12,411.60	$ 12,411.60

Forest Glen Cemetery

Cr.

Appropriation	$ 6,800.00
Royal Indemnity Co. Refund	25.12

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 4,008.84	
H. S. Adams	300.00	
W. Bancroft Co.	61.89	
Kittie M. Bangs	188.00	
Barrett Co.	260.00	
Joseph Breck & Sons	9.51	
Edward A. Brophy	810.94	
Cummings Express Co.	4.70	
Davis & Abbott	30.25	
Dugan Bros.	251.66	
H. A. Feindel	124.71	
T. C. Fife	4.31	
General Crushed Stone Co.	367.48	
D. O. Miller Co.	28.08	
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.	6.53	
Highway Dept. Pay Rolls	289.65	
Total Payments	$ 6,746.55	
Balance to 1927	78.57	
	$ 6,825.12	$ 6,825.12

CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 500.00

Dr.

Pay Roll	$ 475.88	
Trans. to Laurel Hill Cemetery Maint.	24.12	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

WATER DEPARTMENT

Cr.

Balance from 1925		$ 2,725.57
Receipts, 1926		49,522.72

Dr.

Bond Payments	$ 9,000.00
Interest	2,822.50
Pay Roll	16,697.53
Cash Payments	12.16
Abbott-McKay Corp.	5.52
Adams Co.	1.12
American Railway Express	33.81
G. H. Atkinson Co.	8.20
Wendell Bancroft Co.	122.15
Banker & Tradesman	10.00
F. W. Barry, Beale & Co.	6.44
Beach Soap Co.	6.36
Rachel J. Bennett	3.50
F. A. Bessom	1.00
Boston & Maine R. R.	1,331.60
Boston Radiolite Co.	20.00
C. Bowen	1.85
Mary L. Boyce	3.15
Braman, Dow & Co.	261.77
Builders' Iron Foundry	168.06
R. A. Burns	3.00
Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	3.16
George A. Caldwell Co.	170.43
Byron & Sarah Caldwell	.50
Castner, Curran & Bullitt	1,388.27
Antony Cefalo	682.44
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co.	360.97
Chandler & Farquhar Co.	13.42
Chas. L. Channell	1.33
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co.	1,015.30
M. F. Charles	19.45
Chase's Auto Express	1.00

A. W. Chesterton Co.	1.72
Clapp & Leach	4.25
W. G. Classon	30.00
George C. Cleaves, Jr.	216.88
Thomas Clements	3.15
Clinton W. Crafts	1.15
Creditor's Nat'l Clear. House	1.67
Cummings Express	242.39
E. B. Currell & Son	5.15
Curry Bros. Oil Co.	20.42
Danforth's Pharmacy	.50
W. S. Darley & Co.	49.30
Davis & Abbott	62.36
Louis Davis	46.07
Dennison Mfg. Co.	5.38
L. W. Dickinson & Son	146.33
Orison L. Dickinson	10.88
Donaldson Iron Co.	130.04
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.	149.41
Elliott Co.	9.35
Federal Meter Corp.	12.60
T. C. Fife	107.30
Fonda Lime Kilns	340.00
Ford Meter Box Co.	60.27
Francis Bros.	31.11
Gamon Meter Co.	66.85
General Crushed Stone Co.	15.00
Globe Kneadable M. P. Co.	9.80
Graff-Underwood Co.	8.20
Greenough Construction Co.	21.90
Thos. Groom & Co.	46.74
W. A. Hatch	37.77
Hersey Mfg. Co.	139.50
K. Hills	5.25
Hill, Smith & Co.	3.43
Hodson Bros.	55.73
H. W. Hunt Co.	1.13
C J. Jaquith	.25
Jenkins Bros.	74.70
John Jennings	250.00
John St. Garage	72.90
Robert Johnson	2.68
Johnson-Washburn Co.	592.20
Kardex Rand Sales Corp.	9.07
Kingman & Richardson	1.50
Library Bureau	37.70
Lumsden & Van Stone Co.	2,133.56

Malden & Melrose Gas Co.	25.00
George W. Marshall	3.65
Angus J. Martin	2.00
J. M. Maxwell, Jr. & Sons	38.72
H. B. McArdle	9.95
Peter McBride	3.15
Merrimac-Chemical Co.	676.69
D. O. Miller Co.	233.40
Morey & Co.	7.92
Henry J. Morgan	38.00
Mueller Co. Inc	126.50
Municipal Light Dept.	2,650.33
Samuel Narcus	1.39
National Meter Co.	1,260.08
Neptune Meter Co.	97.47
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	183.76
New England Supply Co.	9.60
Frank L. Noble	1.00
Town of No. Reading	4.73
Norwood Engr. Co.	42.50
Margaret E. O'Neil	14.50
O O. Ordway	121.30
Paramount Packing & Supply Co.	30.28
Robert E. Parker	1.80
Prentiss & Parker	289.81
Reading Tire Shop	95.25
Red-Hed Mfg. Co.	987.91
Registry of Motor Vehicles	4.00
Reliance Ribbon & Carbon Co.	16.17
Rensselaer Valve Co.	49.75
Russell Coal Co.	545.13
Arthur A. Simpson	15.00
A. P. Smith Mfg. Co.	78.40
Fred F. Smith	24.76
Nathan Smith	3.00
S. M. Spencer Mfg. Co.	30.29
Standard Oil Co.	261.95
S. R. Stembridge	22.50
Sullivan Mch. Co.	35.45
Sumner & Dunbar	100.23
Percy N. Sweetser	22.65
Thomson Meter Co.	2.23
Thorp & Martin	2.40
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	321.70
Union Water Meter Co.	115.34
U. S. C. I. Pipe & Foundry Co.	1,702.10
U. S. Post Office	114.56

Vacuum Oil Co.	47.50	
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.	167.13	
Ward's	2.77	
Ware Coupling & Nipple Co.	30.58	
Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.	4.13	
Weston & Sampson	15.00	
Fitzroy Willard	3.00	
Woburn Iron Foundry Co.	53.11	
Worthington Pump & Mch. Co.	29.58	
Yawman & Erbe Mfg. Co.	16.66	
Jos. H. Young Co.	92.65	
Zanni & Co.	217.00	
Total Payments	$ 50,552.94	
Balance to 1927	1,695.35	
	$ 52,248.29	$ 52,248.29

WATER MAINS. EXTENSION

Cr.

Balance from 1925		$ 8,371.90

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 577.30	
W. Bancroft & Co.	1.37	
Berger Mfg. Co.	153.47	
Boston Pub. Co.	29.40	
E. A. Carpenter	4.80	
Antony Cefalo	6,648.70	
M. F. Charles	.10	
Cummings Exp. Co.	1.10	
Davis & Abbott	145.48	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	3.00	
U. S. Post Office	1.26	
Total Payments	$ 7,565.98	
Balance to 1927	805.92	
	$ 8,371.90	$ 8,371.90

MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Cr.

Receipts, 1926	$233,486.24
Bonds	13,000.00
Premium	32.79
Advanced by Treasurer	23,518.71

Dr.

Bond Payments	$ 12,800.00
Interest	5,024.00
Pay Rolls	70,743.88
Cash Payments	1,277.31
Arthur H. Abbott	240.00
H. L. Abbott	3.00
Acme Electric Heating Co.	51.97
Addressograph Co.	42.47
Walter C. Ainsworth	22.50
All Steele Equipment Co.	90.33
Sam Alieruzzo	15.00
American Bank Note Co.	57.00
American Blower Co.	24.14
American City Magazine	4.00
Am. Elect. Service & Maint. Co.	156.19
Am. Railway Ex. Co.	91.18
American Steel and Wire Co.	1,820.75
Albert & J. M. Anderson Mfg. Co.	13.35
Karl Andrew Co.	112.65
Ansonia Electric Co.	3,212.07
Armstrong Cork & Insulation Co.	3.78
Arrow Service	2.83
Auto Glass Co. Ser. Sta.	36.00
Automatic Elec. Heater Co.	27.44
J. Brinton Bailey	282.01
Edward T. Balfrey	.90
W. A. Bancroft	2.50
Wendell Bancroft & Co.	207.97
Beasley-Eastman Lab. Inc.	1.99
Beaudette & Graham Co.	3.58
Van I. Bennett	134.19
C. S. Binner, Corp.	36.00
Bohn Refrigerator Shop	57.10
Boston Armature Works, Inc.	86.40
Boston Evening American	31.36
Boston & Maine R. R.	7,001.56
Boston Publishing Co.	8.05
Boston Radiolite Co.	18.25
C. Bowen	6.40
Braman, Dow & Co.	361.02
Bristol Co.	130.98
Bromley & Company	3.00
George H. Buckminster Co.	5,415.63
Harry G. Burbidge	84.00
Carbolineum Wood Preserving Co.	82.50
Harry J. Carroll	1,221.50

A. B. Carter & Sons	12,713.75
Castner, Curran & Bullitt, Inc.	27,596.16
Anthony Cefalo	18.00
Central Garage	476.66
Century Electric Co.	28.99
Chandler & Farquhar Co.	48.02
M. F. Charles	35.55
Chase's Auto Express Co.	2.50
Chase, Parker & Co., Inc.	75.00
A. W. Chesterton Co.	10.09
Clapp & Leach, Inc.	3,558.41
Columbia Lamp Div.	2,292.29
Condit Elec. Mfg. Co.	2,872.24
Crandall Packing Co.	17.95
Cummings & Chute	85.50
Cummings Express Co.	265.67
E. B. Currell & Son	52.41
H. C. Cushing, Jr.	10.00
Cutler Hammer Mfg. Co.	1.13
Cutter & Wood Supply Co.	7.20
H. I. Dallman Co.	54.59
George W. Davis Co.	101.77
Louis Davis	474.91
Davis & Abbott	3.30
Paul W. Dayton	204.95
J. A. deCelles & Co.	13.50
C. L. Deming	.90
E. O. Dewey	997.89
Dexter Metal Mfg. Co.	27.50
L. W. Dickinson & Son	335.76
D. M. Dillon	1,625.00
Dyer-Clark Co.	192.37
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.	69.33
Ernest W. Eames	400.00
Eastern Mass. Street Railway Co.	301.50
Eastern Service Co.	1,017.32
Economy Lubricating Co.	3.50
Eden Washer Corp.	9.71
Edison Elec. Appliance Co.	60.70
Edison Elec. Illuminating Co.	22,303.63
Electric Blower Co.	51.84
Elec. Machine & Ins. Co.	17.81
Electrical Record	3.00
Electrical World	5.00
Ellis Adding-Typewriter Co.	571.85
Martin Ellis & Co.	312.00
E. M. F. Elec. Year Book	1.00

Eureka Vac. Cleaning Co.	364.36
E. M. Faye Elec. Co.	4.84
Federal Elec. Co.	108.29
T. C. Fife	110.21
Fitzgerald Mfg. Co.	1.60
G. H. Flint	3.50
E. K. Flood	3.50
Flynn & Emrich Co.	36.00
Foote-Burt Co.	4.75
Francis Bros.	349.51
Fyr Fyter Co.	23.76
Garlock Packing Co.	46.18
General Elec. Co.	4,586.82
Wm. E. Gilson	65.45
Gleason-Tirbout Glass Co.	21.60
Globe Paper Co.	14.56
Globe Stove & Range Co.	31.55
Albert N. Gooch	1.54
F. E. Gray	1,972.07
L. B. Renfrew Gray	52.92
Graybar Elec. Co., Inc.	1,021.73
F. S. Hardy & Co.	584.86
Edward E. Harnden	59.57
H. N. Hartwell & Son, Inc.	455.81
H. L. Haseltine	7.00
H. M. Haven & A. T. Hopkins	350.00
Haymarket Hardware Co.	47.65
Earl G. Hobart	159.69
Hobbs & Warren	17.15
Hodge Boiler Works	59.24
Hodson Brothers	30.09
The Hoover Co.	67.67
H. S. Horne & Co., Inc.	7.62
Howe & French, Inc.	130.86
Hoyt Elec. Instrument Works	.61
H. W. Hunt Co.	1.19
Hyde Eng. Co.	85.00
Ilg Elec. Ventilating Co.	405.00
India Alkali Works	75.09
W. J. Jeandron	11.31
C. L. Jeanes & Co.	56.30
Jenkins Bros.	37.11
Johns-Manville, Inc.	38.83
W. E. Johnson	7.20
John St. Garage	53.40
D. E. Justice	9.70
Kardex Rand Sales Corp.	37.03

James E. Kelley	13.75
Kelvinator Boston, Inc.	3.825.97
Kelvinator Corp.	25.39
Kenney Service Station	490.82
Kingman & Richardson	56.25
D. M. Laffin	19.60
Landers, Fray & Clark	227.13
Henry D. Leary	72.00
Library Bureau	267.31
Line Material Co.	29.25
Linscott Motor Co.	560.44
Linscott Supply Co.	5.60
D. F. Lorden	2,641.40
Lowell Elec. Light Corp.	95.75
Lumsden & Van Stone Co.	2.25
Lynnfield, Town of	315.00
Magee Furnace Co.	125.55
Malden Morris Plan Co.	63.00
W. A. Marshall & Co.	353.03
A. E. Martell Co., Inc.	22.76
Mathais-Hart Co.	104.86
J. M. Maxwell Jr., & Son.	1,858.61
H. B. McArdle	346.74
McGraw-Hill Pub. Co.	2.00
McKenney & Waterbury Co.	39.57
Medford Auto Parts	40.00
D. O. Miller Co.	988.30
Miller Co.	124 73
C. A. Mosso Laboratories	6.75
C. W. H. Moulton Co.	38.25
Municipal Lighting Ass'n of Mass.	10.00
National Carbon Co., Inc.	42.27
National Lamp Dive	695.12
National Lamp Works	348.59
N. E. Iron Works Co.	11.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	1382.52
L. J. Nodding	65.00
No. Reading, Town of	157.50
No. Reading Wagon Co.	168.45
Northern Coal Co.	1,228.98
Oaks & Dow Co.	15.22
Olmstead-Flint Corp.	19.38
Paige Detroit Co.	1,240.00
Parks-Crammer Co.	28.00
W. R. Patten	10.00
Perrin, Seamans & Co.	12.75
Pettingell-Andrews Co.	870.00

R. V. Pettingell Elec. Supply Co.	342.78
Post Pub. Co.	15.25
Power	3.00
Premier Service Co.	2.16
Prentiss & Parker	5,709.86
Quaker City Rubber Co.	48.64
Reading Garage & Service Station	348.00
Reading Motor Co., Inc.	635.73
Reading Theatre, Inc.	15.00
Reading Tire Shop	95.75
Reading Water Dept.	129.05
Registry of Motor Vehicles	24.00
Robbins-Phalon Co.	3,133.24
Rochester Germicide Co.	6.75
John A. Roeblings Sons Co.	1,205.31
Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins	45.00
Royal Typewriter Co.	5.43
Sager Elec. Supply Co.	116.15
Sanborn Hill Service Station	100.50
Sangano Elec. Co.	7.88
M. W. Sargent	13.00
Scannell Boiler Works	2,571.38
Scientific Heater Co.	154.35
P. J. Seaman	42.46
Second National Bank	13.00
Seeger Refrigerator Co.	140.63
C. Severens	10.00
A. G. Sias Exp.	21.73
George H. Sidebottom	796.44
Simplex Elec. Heating Co.	158.60
Simplex Wire & Cable Co.	63.59
Fred F. Smith	41.73
Society for Elec. Development, Inc.	47.30
Spaulding-Moss Co.	16.29
Speedometer Service, Inc.	25.49
Sprague-Bates-Place Co.	627.51
Standard Elec. Stove Co.	61.74
Standard Oil Co. of N. Y.	1,296.83
Chas. E. Stanwood & Sons	316.59
Star Brass Mfg. Co.	1.47
The States Co.	470.78
Stearns Perry & Smith Co.	347.73
S. R. Stembridge Co.	362.33
Sterling Battery Co.	24.00
Daniel S. Sullivan	53.68
Superior Switchboard & Devices Co.	33.42
Swartzbaugh Mfg. Co.	1.71

Percy N. Sweetser	2,816.89	
John Swen	3,272.00	
Syracuse Washing Machine Corp.	2.38	
J. S. Temple Co., Inc.	200.00	
Thorp & Martin Co.	5.60	
Triplex Washing Machine Co.	97.02	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	760.55	
United States Rubber Co.	1,281.05	
Union Iron Products Co.	8.06	
Utica Products, Inc.	6.00	
Vacumn Oil Co.	81.26	
K. Verheide	50.00	
Vye-Neill Co.	42.50	
Vye-Smith Co., Inc.	368.60	
Wagner Electric Corp.	238.71	
George H. Wahn Co.	1,772.61	
Wakefield Concrete Block Co.	5.00	
Wakefield Municipal Light Dept.	13.53	
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.	11.31	
Wales Adding Machine Co.	17.25	
Walker Dishwasher Corp.	3.52	
Water Department	93.55	
Waterproof Paint & Varnish Co.	250.00	
Welsbach Co. of New England	11.84	
Western Electric Co.	102.85	
Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.	2,667.57	
Wetmore-Savage Co.	2,249.41	
Wetmore-Savage Auto. Equip Co.	1,481.28	
Wetmore-Savage Electric Supply Co.	2,926.75	
Wheeler Condenser & Eng. Co.	49.54	
C. H. Wheeler Mfg. Co.	240.49	
A. W. Wiley	9.00	
Wilmington High School	85.00	
Woburn Machine Co.	571.81	
W. A. Wood Co.	19.85	
H. P. Woodbury Co.	89.10	
Worthington Pump & Machinery Corp.	3.63	
Yawman & Erbe Mfg. Co.	9.35	
Zanni & Co.	12.00	
Total Payments	$262,684.56	
Balance from 1925	7,353.18	
	$270,037.74	$270,037.74

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE
Special Account

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 506.78
Dr.		
City of Boston, City Hospital	$ 141.42	
Mass. Homeopathic Hospital	218.50	
Total Payments	359.92	
Balance to Revenue	146.86	
	$ 506.78	$ 506.78

SOUTH STREET. REPAIRS

Cr.		
Balance from 1925		$ 96.38
Dr.		
Pay Roll	$ 79.67	
Alden Speare's Sons Co.	16.71	
	$ 96.38	$ 96.38

RE-IMBURSEMENT. COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Cr.		
Appropriation from Overlay Reserve Fund		$ 763.28
Dr.		
Grace V. Viall, Collector	$ 763.28	
	$ 763.28	$ 763.28

SIDEWALK. READING SQUARE

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Dr.		
Pay Roll	$ 381.06	
Barrett Co.	131.25	
Davis & Abbott	6.15	
Davis & Farnum Eng. Wks.	26.00	
H. E. Fletcher Co.	35.96	
Frederick Frotton	146.00	
Gen. Crushed Stone Co.	147.83	
Rensselaer Valve Co.	90.77	
Roessler & Sons, Inc.	34.98	
Total Payments	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00

CHANNEL PROPERTY TAXES

Cr.		
Appropriation from Overlay Reserve Fund		$ 215.10
Dr.		
Grace V. Viall, Collector	$ 215.10	
	$ 215.10	$ 215.10

SIDEWALK. MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOT

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 3,000.00
Dr.		
Pay Roll	$ 2.80	
E. A. Carpenter	2.56	
Davis & Abbott	23.50	
Simpson Bros. Corporation	2,965.12	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	4.88	
U. S. Post Office	1.14	
Total Payments	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 500.00
Dr.		
H. W. Batchelder	$ 1.50	
Lydia M. Bixby Tent, D. of V.	27.01	
Thomas F. Galvin, Jr.	15.50	
Jacobs, Whitcomb Co.	21.88	
Nuss's Military Band	165.00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	15.25	
John N. Weston	177.30	
Total Payments	423.44	
Balance to Revenue	76.56	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

CHILD WELFARE WORK

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 300.00
Dr.		
Mrs. Bertha Benjamin	$ 225.00	
Charles R. Henderson, M. D.	75.00	
Total Payments	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

MIDDLESEX COUNTY. AID TO AGRICULTURE

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 200.00
Dr.		
Agriculture Extension Service	$ 200.00	
Total Payments	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

PLANNING BOARD. EXPENSES

Cr.		
Balance from 1925		$ 153.74
Appropriation		250.00
Dr.		
Warren H. Manning, Inc.	$ 62.61	
Security Lodge I. O. O. F.	14.00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	124.50	
Total Payments	201.11	
Balance to 1927	203.63	
	$ 404.74	$ 404.74

VICTORY HOUSE. MAINTENANCE

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 500.00
Dr.		
Reading Post No. 62, American Legion	$ 500.00	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

SCHOOL LAND PURCHASE

Cr.		
Balance from 1925		$ 19,161.67
Dr.		
Jesse W. Morton, Atty	$ 248.50	
Solomon Davis	3,315.00	
Charles P. Howard	8,730.00	
Ruth A. Lumsden	6,850.00	
Total Payments	19,143.50	
Balance to Revenue	18.17	
	$ 19,161.67	$ 19,161.67

HIGHLAND SCHOOL LOT FENCE

Special Appropriation

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 37.50
Dr.		
G. A. Gates Co.	$ 37.50	
Total Payments	$ 37.50	$ 37.50

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Construction and Equipment

Cr.		
Appropriation, Tax Levy		$ 45,000.00
Appropriation, Loans Authorized		330,000.00
Dr.		
Adden & Parker	$ 13,386.38	
Adden & Parker to Clerk of Wks.	385.00	
Boston Publishing Co.	42.00	
Davis & Abbott	302.14	
P. G. DeArmond & Son	87,045.95	
Globe Newspaper Co.	45.60	
J. B. Hunter Co.	1.50	
Prentiss & Parker	896.38	
Harry E. Smith	4,141.85	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	27.25	
B. F. Smith Co.	111.37	
P. N. Sweetser	4,471.50	
A. F. Wrightson	400.00	
Water Department	1,148.59	
Total Payments	112,405.51	
Balance to 1927	262,594.49	
	$375,000.00	$375,000.00

SCHOOL LAND. SURVEY AND ESTIMATES

Cr.		
Balance from 1925		$ 2,351.67
Dr.		
Jesse B. Davis	$ 515.52	
Balance to 1927	1,836.15	
	$ 2,351.67	$ 2,351.67

TEMPORARY LOANS

Anticipation of Revenue

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1926		$115,000.00

Notes Issued in 1926

Month	By whom purchased	Rate of disc.	Amt.	
Jan.—Old Colony Trust Co., Boston		3.78	$ 40,000.00	
Apr.—First Nat'l Bank, Boston		3.59	50,000.00	
June—Manhattan Woolen Co.		3.30	50,000.00	
July—Manhattan Woolen Co.		3.40	30,000.00	
Sept.—Manhattan Woolen Co.		3.75	50,000.00	
Nov.—Atlantic Corporation, Boston		3.83	100,000.00	
Dec.—Atlantic Corporation, Boston		3.80	50,000.00	
				$370.000.00
				$485,000.00

Notes Paid in 1926

October	$ 50,000.00	
November	235,000.00	
December	50,000.00	
		$335,000.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1926		$150,000.00

TEMPORARY LOANS

Anticipation of Serial Bonds, Junior High School

Month	By whom purchased	Rate of disc.	Amount
Nov.—First Nat'l Bank, Boston		3.87	$ 25,000.00
Dec.—Old Colony Trust Co., Boston		3.68	50,000.00
			$75,000.00

ACCOUNTING MUNICIPAL LOANS

SEWER DEPARTMENT LOANS

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1926	$175.000.00	
Paid in 1926		8,000.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1926		167,000.00
	$175,000.00	$175,000.00

WATER DEPARTMENT LOANS

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1926	$ 73,000.00	
Paid in 1926		$ 9,000.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1926		64,000.00
	$ 73,000.00	$ 73,000.00

MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT LOANS

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1926	$111,500.00	
Bonds issued in 1926	13,000.00	
Paid in 1926		12,800.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1926		111,700.00
	$124,500.00	$124,500.00

MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOANS

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1926	$ 24,000.00	
Paid in 1926		$ 2,000.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1926		22,000.00
	$ 24,000.00	$ 24,000.00

MUNICIPAL AND LIBRARY BUILDING GROUNDS

Oustanding Jan. 1, 1926	$ 3,500.00	
Paid in 1926		$ 500.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1926		3,000.00
	$ 3,500.00	$ 3,500.00

BROWN ESTATE LOANS

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1926	$ 3,500.00	
Paid in 1926		$ 500.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1926		3,000.00
	$ 3,500.00	$ 3,500.00

SCHOOL BUILDING LOANS

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1926	$ 6,000.00	
Paid in 1926		$ 1,000.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1926		5,000.00
	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,000.00

RICHARDSON ESTATE LOANS

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1926	$ 1,000.00	
Paid in 1926		$ 500.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1926		500.00
	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00

PLAYGROUND PURCHASE NOTES

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1926	$ 2,500.00	
Paid in 1926		$ 2,500.00
	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00

FUNDED DEBT

Balancing Account

Total Debt, Jan. 1, 1926	$400,000.00	
Mun. Light Dept. Bonds issued in 1926	13,000.00	
Paid in 1926		
Sewer Department Loans		$ 8,000.00
Water Department Loans		9,000.00
Light Department Loans		12,800.00
Municipal Building Loans		2,000.00
Municipal Building and Library Grounds Loans		500.00
Brown Estate Loans		500.00
School Building Loans		1,000.00
Richardson Estate Loans		500.00
Playground Purchase Note		2,500.00
Total Payments 1926		$ 36,800.00
Total Debt, Dec. 31, 1926		376,200.00
	$413,000.00	$413,000.00

SPECIAL DEBT ACCOUNT
FUNDED DEBT MATURING IN 1927

Cr.

Appropriation, Tax Levy		$ 5,000.00
Appropriation from Excess & Deficiency Account		10,000.00
Transfer from Water Department		9,000.00
Transfer from Light Department		12,800.00
Dr.		
Payment of Loans due in 1926	$ 36,800.00	
	$ 36,800.00	$ 36,800.00

FUNDED DEBT MATURING 1927

Sewer Department Loans	$ 8.000.00
Water Department Loans	9,000.00
Light Department Loans	15,800.00
Municipal Building Loans	2,000.00
Municipal and Library Building Grounds Loans	500.00
Brown Estate Loans	500.00
Richardson Estate Loans	500.00
School Building Loans	1,000.00
Total	$ 37,300.00

TOWN DEBT — DETAIL OF PAYMENT BY YEARS

Year	Sewer Dept.	Water Dept.	Mun. Light Dept.	Mun. Bldg.	Brown Estate	Lib. and Mun. Bldg. Grounds	School Dept.	Richardson Estate	Playground Property	Totals
1927	8,000.00	9,000.00	$15,800.00	2,000.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	500.00	.....	$37,300.00
1928	8,000.00	9,000.00	14,800.00	2,000.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	35,800.00
1929	8,000.00	9,000.00	13,800.00	2,000.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	34,800.00
1930	9,000.00	9,000.00	12,800.00	2,000.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	34,800.00
1931	9,000.00	4,000.00	11,000.00	2,000.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	28,000.00
1932	9,000.00	4,000.00	11,000.00	2,000.00	500.00	500.00	.....	.....	.....	27,000.00
1933	9,000.00	4,000.00	8,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23,000.00
1934	9,000.00	4,000.00	6,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21,000.00
1935	8,000.00	4,000.00	6,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,000.00
1936	8,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16,000.00
1937	8,000.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13,500.00
1938	8,000.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,500.00
1939	8,000.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,500.00
1940	8,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,000.00
1941	7,000.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,000.00
1942	7,000.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,000.00
1943	7,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00
1944	7,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00
1945	6,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,000.00
1946	6,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,000.00
1947	6,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,000.00
1948	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000.00
1949	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000.00
Totals	$167,000.00	$64,000.00	$111,700.00	$22,000.00	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	$5,000.00	$500.00		$376,200.00

BORROWING CAPACITY

	Total Valuation	Abatement Val.	Net Valuation
1924	$12,535,348.00	$118,636.00	$12,416,712.00
1925	13,292,886.00	79,591.00	13,213,295.00
1926	13,819,558.00	49,472.00	13,770,086.00
			$39,400,093.00
Average net valuation 3 years			$13,133,364.00
Three per cent is			$394,000.93
Total Funded Debt Dec. 31, 1926		$376,200.00	
Less Exempted Loans:			
(Outside debt limit)			
Water Department	$ 64,000.00		
Mun. Light Department	111,700.00		
Sewer Department	167,000.00		
		$342,700.00	
		$ 33,500.00	
Loans authorized, not issued		$255,000.00	$288,500.00
(Inside debt limit)			
Borrowing Capacity Dec. 31, 1926			$105,500.93

Note: Loans, authorized, not issued (outside debt limit) $75,000.00.

ACCOUNTING TRUST FUNDS

Balancing Account

On hand Jan. 1, 1926	$ 88,370.06	
Received, Gilman L. Parker Estate, Hospital Fund	87,000.00	
Sundry Parties, Cemetery Bequests	1,860.00	
Interest and Premiums	11,374.18	
Transferred to Cemetery Maintenance Acct.		$ 1,445.24
Transferred Library Trustees		116.35
Transferred for Scholarships		200.00
Reducing Bonds to Par		1,821.00
Interest paid on Securities Purchased		668.76
Balance Dec. 31, 1926		184,352.89
	$188,604.24	$188,604.24

CEMETERY BEQUEST FUND

Cr.

Balance Jan. 1, 1926		$ 38,141.46
Bequests, 1926		1,860.00
Interest, 1926		2,024.78
Premium on bonds sold		79.69

Dr.

Transferred to Cemetery Maintenance Acct.	$ 1,445.24	
Balance Dec. 31, 1926	40,660.69	
	$ 42,105.93	$ 42,105.93

LIBRARY FUND

Cr.

Balance Jan. 1,1926		$ 111.31
Interest		5.04

Dr.

Transferred to Library Trustees	$ 116.35	
	$ 116.35	$ 116.35

GEORGE F. BUCK FUND

Cr.

Balance Jan. 1, 1926		$ 76.18
Interest		3.44

Dr.

Balance Dec. 31, 1926	$ 79.62	
	$ 79.62	$ 79.62

READING HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Cr.

Balance Jan. 1, 1926		$ 5,041.11
Interest		211.84

Dr.

Transferred to Scholarships	$ 200.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1926	5,052.95	
	$ 5,252.95	$ 5,252.95

HOSPITAL FUND

Cr.

Balance Jan. 1, 1926		$ 45,000.00
Received from Gilman L. Parker Estate		87,000.00
Interest		9,049.39

	Dr.	
Interest Paid on Securities Purchased	$ 668.76	
Reducing Bonds to Par	1,821.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1926	138,559.63	
	$141,049.39	$141,049.39

STATEMENTS OF INVESTED FUNDS

Cemetery Bequest Fund

Balance Dec. 31, 1926		$ 40,660.69
Investments listed at par:—		
U. S. Liberty Bonds, 4th. 4¼'s, 1933-38	$ 12,000.00	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., 1st Mort. 5's, Series A, 1952	5,000.00	
No. Pac. Ry. Ref. & Imp. 6's, Series B, 2047	5,000.00	
N. Y. Cent. R. R. Ref. & Imp. 5's, Series C, 2013	4,000.00	
Andover Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Cambridge Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence	3,000.00	
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading	5,660.69	
	$ 40,660.69	$ 40,660.69

READING HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance Dec. 31, 1926		$ 5,052.95
Investments:—		
Andover Savings Bank	$ 1,000.00	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank	1,000.00	
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence	1,000.00	
First Nat'l Bank, Reading, Savings Dept.	2,052.95	
	$ 5,052.95	$ 5,052.95

GEORGE F. BUCK FUND

Balance Dec. 31, 1926		$ 79.62
Investment:—		
Mechanics Savings Bank	$ 79.62	
	$ 79.62	$ 79.62

HOSPITAL FUND

Balance Dec. 31, 1926		$138,559.63
Investments, Securities Listed at Par or Less:—		
St. Paul, Minn. & Man. Ry. Cons. 4's, 1933	$ 4,831.25	
N. Y. Cent. & H. R. R. Deb. 4's, 1934	4,737.50	
Ill. Cent. R. R. Col. Tr. 4's, 1952	4,437.50	
Boston & Albany R. R. Imp. of 1908, 4's, 1933	4,798.00	
Old Colony R. R. 1st 5's, 1945	5,000.00	

Am. Tel. & Tel. Col. Tr. 5's, 1946	5,000.00	
N. Y. Tel. Co. 1st Gen. M. 4½'s, 1939	4,950.00	
Chicago B. & Q. R. R. Co. Ill. Div. "M" 3½'s, 1949	4,347.50	
Ill. Cent. R. R. Co. St. Louis Div. 1st M. 3's, 1951	3,800.00	
Con. Gas of Baltimore Gen. M. 4½'s, 1954	4,922.50	
Conn. Lt. & Power Co. 1st Ref. S. F. 4½'s, 1956	4,787.50	
U. S. Liberty Bonds 1st 3½'s, 1947	1,850.00	
U. S. Liberty Bonds 2d 4¼'s, 1942	3,000.00	
U. S. Liberty Bonds 4th 4¼'s, 1933-38	13,000.00	
Baton Rouge Elect. Co. 1st Gen. M. Series A 5½'s, 1954	3,000.00	
Blackstone Valley G. & E. Co. 1st Gen. M. 5's, 1939	2,000.00	
Conn. Lt. & Power Co. 1st Ref. S. F. 7's, 1951	2,000.00	
The Grand Trunk Ry. of Canada 15 yr. Deb. 6's, 1936	2,000.00	
The Grand Trunk Ry. of Canada 20 yr. Deb. 7's, 1940	2,000.00	
Mississippi Riv. Power Co. 15 yr. Deb. 7's, 1935	4,000.00	
Northern Texas Traction Co. 1st M. 5's, 1933	2,580.00	
Pacific Coast Power Co. 1st M. 5's, 1940	1,000.00	
Penna. Power & Lt. Co. 1st & Ref. Series A 7's, 1951	2,000.00	
Puget Sound Power & Lt. Co. 1st & Ref. Series A	3,000.00	
Savannah E. & P. Co. 1st & Ref. Series A 7½'s, 1941	2,000.00	
Staten Island Edison Corp. Ref. & Imp. Series A, 1953	2,000.00	
American Mfg. Co. Com. 72 shares	7,200.00	
Anaconda Copper Mining Co. 82 shares	2,035.00	
Home Bleachery & Dye Works Pfd. 2 shares	11.00	
Sharp Mfg. Co. Pfd. 37 shares	2,035.00	
Sharp Mfg. Co. Com. 20 shares	220.00	
Andover Savings Bank	5,000.00	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank	5,000.00	
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence	5,000.00	
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading	5,000.00	
First Nat'l Bank, Reading, Savings Dept.	8,033.88	
	$138,559.63	$138,559.63

TOWN OF READING
BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31, 1926
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Cash in Banks and Office		$ 32,600.65			
Taxes and Assessments Receivable					
Taxes, 1924	$ 27.25				
Taxes, 1925	1,708.19				
Taxes, 1926	144,979.75				
Moth Assessments, 1926	414.60				
Sewer Assessments and Interest	1,154.55				
Sewer Rentals	423.00				
Sidewalk Assessments, 1926	44.80				
		$148,752.14			
Loans Authorized, Not Issued		$330,000.00			
Departmental Accounts Receivable:		3,140.69			
Sewer Ass't Appor'n Rec. 1927-1936		9,170.49			
Water Dept. Accounts Rec.		354.00			
Municipal Light Dept. Accounts Rec.		39,144.46			
Tax Titles held by Town		6,797.35			
Municipal Light Dept. Advanced		23,518.71			
Municipal Light Dept.: Cash		150.00			
Water Dept.: Cash		100.00			
Overdrafts Forward to 1927:					
Election Expenses	$ 507.75				
Interest	1,429.69				
Snow and Ice Removal	1,638.86				
Police Dept. Spec. Officers	921.58				
Temporary Aid	200.66				
Soldiers' Relief	179.62				
		$ 4,878.16			
Temporary Loans, Anticipation of Revenue					$150,000.00
Temporary Loans, Anticipation of Serial Bonds					75,000.00
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:					
For 1924 Taxes			$ 27.25		
For 1925 Taxes			1,708.19		
For 1926 Taxes			1,670.78		
				$	3,406.22
Overlay Reserve Fund				$	5,785.88
Moth Assessments, Revenue					414.60
Sewer Assessments, Revenue					$1,154.55
Sewer Rentals, Revenue					423.00
Sewer Ass't Revenue due 1927 to 1936					9,170.49
Sidewalk Assessments, Revenue					44.80
Departmental Accts. Rec., Revenue					3,140.69
Water Dept. Account Rec., Revenue					354.00
Mun. Light Dept. Acct. Rec., Re'ue					39,144.46
Water Dept. Maint. Account					1,695.35
Sewer Dept. Maint. & Const. Acct.					14,608.52
Sewer Dept. House Connections Acct.					969.45
Cemetery Reserve Fund					688.83
Smith-Hughes Fund					313.29
Appropriation bal. forward to 1927:					
Drainage System Survey			1,000.00		
Construction Drainage System			812.29		

		School Land Survey, etc.	1,836.15	
		Junior High School	262,594.49	
		Forest Glen Cemetery	78.57	
		Water Mains Extension	805.92	
		Planning Board Expenses	202.63	
				$267,330.05
		Insurance Acc't Special		$ 50.01
		Tax Titles Revenue		6,797.35
		Real Estate Sold For Taxes		2,200.00
		War Poll Tax Refund		4,069.82
		Excess & Deficiency Account		11,845.29
	$598,606.65			$598,606.65

DEBT ACCOUNTS

		Sewer Construction Loans	$167,000.00	
		Water Department Loans	64,000.00	
		Municipal Light Department Loans..	111,700.00	
		Municipal Building Loans	22,000.00	
		Mun. Bldg. & Library Gds. Loans	3,000.00	
		Brown Estate Loans	3,000.00	
		School Building Loans	5,000.00	
		Richardson Estate Loans	500.00	
Net Funded Debt	$376,200.00			$376,200.00

TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities..	$184,352.89	Cemetery Bequest Fund for Perpetual Care	$ 40,660.69	
		George F. Buck Fund	79.62	
		Hospital Fund	138,559.63	
		Reading H. S. Scholarship Fund ..	5,052.95	
	$184,352.89			$184,352.89

REPORT OF TREASURER

To the Citizens of Reading:

My annual report as Treasurer is submitted as follows:

As authorized by vote at our March 8th meeting $13,000.00 of 4% Mun. Light Loan Bonds were issued and sold, dated Aug. 1, 1926, payable $3,000.00 Aug. 1, 1927, and $2,000 yearly, Aug. 1, 1928 to Aug. 1, 1932.

These bonds were sold to F. L. Dabney & Co., at 100.23.

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Bond and Notes January 1, 1926 outstanding	$400,000.00	
Mun. Light Loan Bonds	13,000.00	
		$413,000.00
Bonds and notes paid in 1926	$ 36,800.00	
December 31, 1926 outstanding	376,200.00	
		$413,000.00

NOTES ISSUED IN ANTICIPATION OF REVENUE

January 1, 1926 outstanding	$115,000.00	
Notes issued in 1926	370,000.00	
		$485,000.00
Notes paid during year	$335,000.00	
December 31, 1926 Notes Outstanding	150,000.00	
		$485,000.00

NOTES ISSUED IN ANTICIPATION OF SERIAL BONDS

Junior High School	$ 75,000.00

Our Trust Funds have been increased this year by receipts from the Executors of the Gilman L. Parker Estate of $87,000.00 for the Hospital Fund with $500.00 interest.

An account of receipts and payments is shown on the following page and an itemized account of this with statements of our Trust Funds will be found in the Town Accountant's Report.

WILFRED A. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Reading, December 31, 1926.

TREASURER'S REPORT, DECEMBER 31, 1926

Debtor

Balance, January 1, 1926		$ 52,837.94
Grace V. Viall, Collector	$479,244.85	
Commonwealth of Mass., Taxes, etc.	53,801.33	
Municipal Light Dept., Receipts	233,486.24	
Water Dept. Receipts	49,522.72	
Sewer Dept., Guarantee Deposits	1,962.84	
Dept. of Public Welfare, Receipts	4,372.83	
School Dept., Receipts	12,061.02	
Cemetery Dept., Receipts	5,738.91	
Other Dept., Receipts	4,426.53	
Miscellaneous, Receipts	4,364.80	
Interest on Deposits	1,295.81	
Mun. Light, Bonds Sold	13,000,00	
Mun. Light, Bonds Premium	32.79	
Temporary Loans, Anticipation of Revenue	370,000.00	
Temporary Loans Anticipation Serial Bonds	75,000.00	
Trust Funds, Bequests and Interest, etc.	100,234.18	
Trust Funds for Re-investment	34,328.39	
Total Receipts		$1,442,873.24
		$1,495,711.18

Creditor

Discount Temporary Loans	$ 10,675.94	
Interest on Notes and Bonds, Funded Debt (not incl. Water and Light)	9,253.75	
State Taxes and Assessments	37,516.72	
County Tax	17,854.37	
Notes and Bonds paid during 1926	36,800.00	
Temporary Loans Paid	335,000.00	
Other payments	1,016,009.75	
Total Payments		$1,463,110.53
Balance Dec. 31, 1926		32,600.65
		$1,495,711.18

GRACE V. VIALL, COLLECTOR,

Dr.

Amount uncollected, Dec. 31, 1925, account 1921 Tax	$	46.62
" Interest collected, account 1921 Tax		11.87
" uncollected, Dec. 31, 1925, account 1922 Tax		257.19
" Interest collected, account 1922 Tax		18.95
" uncollected, Dec. 31, 1925, account 1923 Tax		366.75
" Interest collected, account 1923 Tax		32.05
" uncollected, Dec. 31, 1925, account 1924 Tax		1,388.41
" Interest collected, account 1924 Tax		127.62
" uncollected, Dec. 31, 1925, account 1925 Tax		136,145.36
" Interest collected, account 1925 Tax		4,551.50
" uncollected, Dec. 31, 1925, account 1925 sewer		1,109.84
" Interest collected, account 1925 sewer		25.81
" Poll Tax Warrants, May and October, 1926		5,474.00
" General Tax Warrant, Sept. 13, 1926		469,440.35
" Moth Tax, Sept. 13, 1926		997.80
" Sidewalk Betterment, 1926		86.16
" Sewer Commitment for 1926		3,083.75
" General Tax Warrant, Dec. 20, 1926		424.49
" Interest collected, account 1926 Tax and Sewer		307.56
" uncollected sewer rentals, Dec. 31, 1925		175.20
" Sewer Rentals, Jan. 1, 1926		3,351.27
" Sewer Rentals, July 1, 1926		3,639.24
" Advanced payments on apportioned sewer and interest		316.93
" Sewer Betterment, Sept. 17, 1926		413.37
" Advanced payment on unapportioned sewer betterment and interest		57.97
" Cost and charges		651.15
" Received account redemption property		825.14
		$633,326.35

IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF READING

Cr.

Amount	paid Treasurer account 1921 Tax	$ 58.49
"	paid Treasurer account 1922 Tax	276.14
"	paid Treasurer account 1923 Tax	398.80
"	paid Treasurer account 1924 Tax	1,426.73
"	abated account 1924 Tax	62.05
"	uncollected account 1924 Tax	27.25
"	paid Treasurer account 1925 Tax	135,947.27
"	paid Treasurer account 1925 Sewer	1,125.81
"	abated account 1925 Tax	661.36
"	cancelled account 1925 Moth Tax	1.50
"	transferred to Tax Title account Tax and Sewer	2,388.38
"	uncollected account 1925 Tax	1,708.19
"	paid Treasurer account 1926 Tax	329,608.73
"	abated account 1926 Tax	1,680.00
"	uncollected account 1926 Tax	145,439.15
"	paid Treasurer account 1926 Sewer	1,931.68
"	uncollected account 1926 Sewer	1,154.55
"	paid Treasurer account 1925 Sewer Rentals	150.00
"	transferred to Tax Title account 1925 Sewer Rentals	25.20
"	paid Treasurer account 1926 Sewer Rentals	6,567.51
"	uncollected account 1926 Sewer Rentals	423.00
"	paid Treasurer advanced payments on apportioned Sewer	316.93
"	paid Treasurer account unapportioned Sewer	45.50
"	to be apportioned account 1926 Sewer Betterment in 1927	367.87
"	paid Treasurer account 1925 unapportioned Sewer and interest	57.97
"	paid Treasurer account costs and charges	508.15
"	paid Constable account costs and charges	143.00
"	paid Treasurer account redemption property	825.14
		$633,326.35

GRACE V. VIALL, Collector of Taxes.

Reading, Mass., Dec. 31, 1926.

Approved: Leon G. Bent, Town Accountant.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—I respectfully submit herewith my report covering the inspection of wires during the year ending December 31, 1926:

Number of recorded inspections	315
Number of old buildings wired	33
Number of new buildings wired (not completed)	16
Number of new building wired (not completed)	16
Number of buildings where additional wiring has been installed (and reported)	159
Inspections made for ranges	38
Inspections made for hot water heaters	12
Inspections made for hot plates	6
Inspections made for oil burning outfits	12
Inspections made for heater blowers	1
Inspections made for motors	12

In addition to the above brief outline of the year's work, I have made it a point to investigate each fire where electricity was being used in the premises. In most cases I have consulted with the Chief of the Fire Department, and I can truly report that in no case which I know of, can a fire be directly attributed to faulty electric wiring of electrical equipment.

There is considerable wiring being done, both by licensed and unlicensed men in the Town of Reading which is neither reported nor inspected.

The property owners of the Town of Reading are paying for electrical inspection service and they are entitled to receive it. The only way they can be sure of receiving it, however, is to make sure that whoever installs electric wiring in their property makes proper report of the same to the Inspector of Wires.

The following paragraphs are taken from the printed "Rates, Rules and Regulations of the Municipal Light Department governing the use of Electricity for Light, Heat and Power in the Town of Reading," which were put in effect February 1, 1925. These Regulations should be observed by both consumers and electricians:

"All interior wiring must be examined and approved by the Inspector of Wires before the electricity is turned on."

When customers arrange for additional lights, motors or other appliances this Department should be notified so that wiring may be inspected and the size of meter, transformer or service wires changed if necessary.

The Light Department reserves the right to discontinue the service and remove its property from the premises of the customer in case of non-payment of bills when overdue or non-compliance with any of the requirements.

The removal and renewal of defective poles and wires, together with the installation of special tree wire has been continued this year.

The Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company has made arrangements to abandon some of their poles on Main Street south of the Boston & Maine Rairoad crossing, and it is hoped that eventually they will abandon the rest of this line, thereby doing away with one line of poles.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. STRATTON, Inspector of Wires.

REPORT OF BOARD OF APPEAL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Appeal held a public hearing on Friday evening, December 17, 1926, on petition of Nathan M. Carman, seeking a variation of the Zoning By-Law, with respect to its application to his premises on the east side of Main Street, adjoining the Stoneham town line.

Upon the facts presented, the Board was of the opinion that the petition could not be granted without substantially derogating from the intent and purpose of the Zoning By-Law of the Town, and the petition was therefore denied.

HENRY Q. MILLETT
CARL M. SPENCER
FRED L. NUTTER
Board of Appeal.

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

The year 1926 proved to be a busy but most interesting one for the Planning Board. The work started with a series of Public Hearings on the Zoning question on Wednesday, January 6th, in Community Hall. The following week, January 13th, the second was held in Enterprise Hall, and on the 20th the third and last. The subject was thoroughly discussed and changes made in the Zoning map to suit citizens from different districts of the town. During March and April Board meetings were held, with the majority of the members present. Much time was devoted to the discussion of proposed amendments to the Zoning law which was drawn up by our chairman, Mr. Weston, the previous November. Many hours of study and discussion have been spent by the Board during the past year. At the annual town meeting on March 8th, the Zoning law was presented to the voters. Owing to the lengthy discussion on the Electric Light questi on, Article 23, which was the one on Zoning, was laid on the table. On May 9th an adjourned special town meeting was held, at which the Zoning by-law was adopted by an overwhelming majority. Too much cannot be said of the splendid work done by our chairman, Mr. Weston. It would be difficulty to guess how many hours he spent working on the Zoning question. Mr. Manning acted as advisor to the Board during the year. In March Mr. Weston was the speaker at the Federation of Planning Boards, and gave a most illuminating address. At the meeting held on June 2, the resignation of our chairman was regretfully accepted. Mr. Weston felt that it would be better that he hold no other office in addition to that of Town Counsel. Mr. Burnham was voted in as temporary chairman. We have felt that we could do our town no better service than to help establish Zoning here.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIETTE P. LEUCHTMAN, Secretary.

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